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THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Discussed at the Sunday School Institute.

MASS MEETING LAST NIGHT

At First Presbyterian Church—Honor Day was Celebrated—Revival at the Christian Tabernacle —Church Notes.

From the Daily of Monday.

The Sunday school institute which has been in session in this city for several days, closed last night with a mass meeting at the First Presbyterian church. Yesterday afternoon a session was held at the First Methodist church. There was a song and praise service led by Rev. S. H. Bowyer, after which G. W. Miller spoke on "The Bible and the Child." W. C. Pearce gave an address on the subject "The Home and the Child," and Mrs. Lamoreaux spoke on "Jesus and the Children." The addresses were instructive to those interested in Sunday school work.

In spite of the bad weather in the evening when the Sunday school mass meeting was held The Sunday school orchestra of thirteen pieces under the leadership of Prof. Westhoff rendered music. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, presided over the meeting and an address was delivered by Mrs. Lamoreaux. She spoke of the children in the Sunday school. Mr. Pearce also made an address in which he referred to the fact that the children formed their characters largely from the notions of the grown persons around them and said that the parents should lead such lives as would inspire the young people to good things. He spoke against dancing, card playing, drinking and the use of tobacco as evils which are now too freely indulged in and which would lead the children astray.

HONOR DAY.

At the First Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon the pupils of the Sunday school held their annual honor day celebration. The superintendent, A. H Mills was in charge of the exercises and Rev Penhallegon and also W. C Pearce, Mrs. Lamoreaux and G. W Miller, who were here to hold the institute, participated. The Sunday school orchestra rendered music for the occasion. The teachers and pupils who have been attentive to the Sunday school work the past year were awarded diplomas, some receiving them for good work during the past year and some for good work during the past two years During the services Mr. Miller and Mrs Lamoreaux gave a greeting and the pastor responded.

The teachers and officers who were placed on the honor roll for the past year were Mrs I N. Barnes, Mrs. W F. Neisler and T. T. Roberts Those who received diplomas for the past year were as follows: A. H. Mills, George E. Knight, D. H Hellmann, Mrs. B. I. Sterritt, Sallie Shaffer, R P Bytle, Carrie Powers J. A. Roney, Mrs S M Olven, Mrs. George E. Knight, Mrs. W S Richardson, Mrs. R. J Simpson, Jennie Richmond, Laura Shaffer

The following are the pupils on the honor roll for two years: Mrs C. E. Akers, Mrs J A. Roney, W. A. Downey, Lena Wright, Ralph Mills, C J Pennington, Joseph Baldridge, Albert Mann, Chester Smith, Carl Mann, Judith Mills, Lecne Thatcher Mattie Laughlin, Maud Newell, Mabel Knight, Lulu Hughes, Jeanette Powers, Zella McAllister, Roberts Knowlton, Frankie Betzer, Helen Mills, Bessie Downey, Irene Staley, Ralph Roney, Hubert Mills Harold Mills, Homer Irv

Those who received diplomas for one year were Mrs A. H Mills, Mrs. Rae Staley W I Mann, Lulu Jones, Anna Roberts, Lulu Hold, Jennie Bills, Clara Robinson, Kittie Kincaid, James S Baldwin Frank Bright, Noy Montgomery, Sue Marts, Dot Clokey, Joe McCune, Lloyd Chenoweth, Warren Stadler, Horace Flack, Lewis Rogers, Lucine Nesbitt, Fred Palmer Palmer Harry, Miss Lella Koehler, Helen Jameson, Francis Nye, Hallie Reeme, Willa Koehler, Olga Keck, Lillian Parold, Alice Battles, Ruth Roberts, Lucile Tuttle Charles Knowlton.

TABERNACLE REVIVAL.

The big annual revival at the Christian tabernacle opened Sunday. The pastor, Rev George F Hall, is in charge and the preaching is done by Rev J V Coombs, the evangelist The singing is led by Prof. Coyle There was a large attendance Sunday and a great deal of interest was shown. Services will be held every night in the week.

GRACE CHURCH.

At Grace Methodist church yesterday morning there was a large congregation. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. W F. Gillmore, Rev. J W. Crane had charge of the exercises G. W. Miller, the state Sunday school worker, spoke in the morning He was followed by Mrs. Lamoreaux, who spoke of the work with the children In the evening W. P. Pearce delivered an address on christian life. Rev Marion Stevenson, pastor of the Edward Street Christian church gave a well prepared address on the "Mysteries of Religion." Sherman McClellan led the chorus choir and special music was rendered. A special collection for the state work was taken up at night.

DECATUR BRICK COMPANY

Is the Name of the Big Combine of Local Brick Makers.

By virtue of a deal which was carried out on Saturday afternoon all five of the brick companies of this city have combined and a new firm is to be organized which will be known as the Decatur Brick company. The firms included in the combine are the Tuttle, the Ammann Brothers, the Mattes and the J. G. Shea brick companies It is understood that the change has been contemplated by the brick men for some time past. Applications for letters of incorporation have been made. Mr. Purongton of Galesburg, J. L. Salisbury of Aurora and Davis Brown of the Leader Manufacturing company, appraised the different plants They stated the value of each plant and their decision have been sealed up and each company agreed to stand by the decision. Each of the old firms will hold stock to the amount of the appraisement of their plant The capacity of the new company will be nearly 25,000,000 brick a season.

MORE-BUCK WEDDING.

Afternoon Marriage at the Home of the Bride's Parents.

From the Daily of Monday.

Miss Jennette Buck and George L. Moore were married at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the home of the mother of the bride, Mrs. Martha Buck of 1362 East Condit street. The wedding was informal and quiet, only the members of the families being present Rev. Geo. F Hall performed the ceremony. Immediately following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served. The rooms and tables were tastefully decorated in roses.

Miss Minnie Nickolls of Chatham, Miss Della Moore and A. C. Moore of Springfield were present. Mr. and Mrs. Moore left at 3 o'clock for Springfield, where they will visit until Thursday with relatives of the groom. Miss Buck has long been a prominent worker in the church societies and Sunday school of the Christian tabernacle and will be greatly missed among her friends and co-workers.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore will make their home at Wichita, Kan., where the groom is proprietor of the Wichita Iron and Ideal Stove Works.

Moran-Turhune Wedding.

Miss Pearl Terhune and Mark Moran were married this afternoon by Rev. Father Brady of the St Patrick's Catholic church, at his residence They were attended by Miss Ella Vermillion and Edward Meyer. Immediately following the ceremony the newly wedded couple, together with the immediate families and a few intimate friends, were driven to the home which has been handsomely fitted up by the groom for their occupancy at 1739 East Main street, and a wedding dinner served. Miss Terhune is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs I H. Terhune of East William steet and has a large circle of friends among whom she is popular and much liked. The groom is the brother of Undertaker Moran and is well known in the city.

School of Law.

The School of Law, of the University of Illinois, was opened September 13, 1897. Forty-three students registered in the school, and junior and senior classes were at once organized. The course, as originally planned covered two years, in conformity to the ten existing requirements for admission to the bar of Illinois Radical changes were, however, made necessary by the rules of the supreme court of the state enacted in November, requiring a three years' course of study as prerequisite to the admission of a candidate to examination. This increased requirement was received with satisfaction by those in charge of the school, and the course of study was immediately rearranged on a basis of three years.

The undertaking has sufficiently advanced to make its success assured, and it is confidently expected that the school will open with at least one hundred students in the fall of 1898

The development of the school will make necessary the engagement of a new assistant professor who will begin his work with the fall term of 1898.

Judge Benjamin R. Burroughs will give a course of three lectures at the university on the subject of "Land Titles in Illinois." The lectures will be given on Friday evening, March 4 and March 18

The Lincoln Celebration.

The annual university celebration of Lincoln's birthday was held in the university chapel, Champaign February 11. The orator of the day was Hon. Isaac N. Phillips, reporter to the supreme court The university was fortunate in having as guests on this occasion such men as ex-Governor Fifer, Hon. James S. Ewing, President John W. Cook of the State Normal School and other prominent citizens of Bloomington. The university battalion attended in appropriate military order and the exercises as a whole were eminently interesting and impressive.

Elmer Baker, the young man who was caught in the act of stealing money from the office of the Crocker Elevator at Maroa, is now in the county jail. He was put under a bond of $500 to await the action of the grand jury. He is not quite 21 and will likely go to the reform school

WAS FOUND DEAD

Mrs. Mary S. Hughes Passed Away Suddenly,

DEATH WAS UNEXPECTED

She Had Been Ill but was Not Thought to be Serious—Victim of Foot Ball Dead—Funeral of John Scanlan.

From the Daily of Monday.

Mrs. Mary Sweney Hughes, wife of Thomas Hughes, was found dead in her bed this morning at 7:10 o'clock at her residence, 208 North Broadway. Mrs. Hughes had been ill for some time but it was not supposed that her condition was serious, and her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Hughes has been suffering with rheumatic fever for several weeks Last evening she was suffering considerably and Miss Lula Knox, a niece of Mr. Hughes, who makes her home with the family, sat up all night with Mrs. Hughes. At about 6:30 Miss Knox gave the invalid some medicine and left her, and when she returned to the room a few minutes after 7 o'clock she found Mrs. Hughes dead. Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure was called and will hold an inquest.

The maiden name of the deceased was Mary Sweney. She was born in Pennsylvania and was 54 years old. She came to this city when she was a young girl and was married to Thomas Hughes in 1866. She resided in her late residence for the past 36 years Mrs. Hughes had no children but leaves three brothers, Edward, John and Hughes, and one daughter, Maggie Etley, all of St Louis. She also leaves an adopted son, William Curry and Miss Lula Knox, a niece of Mr. Hughes, who has made her home with the family Mrs Hughes was well known in Decatur and was highly esteemed by her many friends. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic church and was one of the most prominent women in the congregation.

The time of the funeral has not yet been decided upon but will be announced later.

Death of an Infant.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bonds died Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the family residence in Long Creek township.

The funeral was held today at noon and the burial was at the Mt Zion cemetery.

Funeral of John Scanlan.

The funeral of the late John Scanlan was held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from St. Patrick's Catholic church. Rev. Father Brady officiated and the burial was at the Catholic cemetery

VICTIM OF FOOT BALL.

Arthur Keating Injured an Ankle and Died Sunday of Blood Poisoning.

Arthur Keating, the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Keating, died of blood poisoning Sunday at the family home, No 918 North Charles street The young man's death was due to an accident he received while playing foot ball A week ago while playing in a game he sprained his ankle and blood poisoning set in. He became seriously ill last Thursday and gradually grew worse until he died on Sunday.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. Patrick's Catholic church. The services were conducted by Rev Father Brady and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery

GARVER CASE IN COURT.

Appeal from the County Court on a Claim of Anna Diehl.

From the Daily of Monday.

Among the suits to be disposed of during the present session of the circuit court is that of Anna Diehl vs. the estate of the late David Garver. It is an action on an appeal from the county court where the plaintiff secured a verdict for about $1000 less than the amount claimed. David Garver was quite helpless, it is claimed, during the last months of his life, and he was taken to Oregon by his daughter, Mrs. Diehl, and her nephew, a grandson of David Garver They were with the old gentleman until his death. Mrs Diehl presented a bill for her services against the estate, and later on amended her claim by filing a larger one. The other heirs caused the administrator to contest the claim, with the result as stated in the county court.

CORONER'S INQUESTS

Held Over the Remains of Mrs. J. Y. Braden and Mrs. Mary Hughes.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

Mrs. J. Y. Bramdem, one of the oldest settlers of Macon county, died suddenly Monday afternoon at her home one mile north of Decatur. She had not been well for several days past. About 1 o'clock in the afternoon Mrs. Braden sent her hired man, Samuel Campbell, to the residence of her son, one mile away, for some medicine. When Campbell returned he found Mrs. Braden dead. Since the death of her husband she has made her home alone on the farm.

Mrs Braden was 78 years of age, and was a native of Vermont, where she was born in 1819. She was married to the late J. Y. Braden on January 23, 1840, and is survived by four sons and two daughters. They are J. E., Jerome O., J. G. and A. Braden, Mrs. Flora Bear and Mrs. Cora A. Dill.

Mrs. Braden came to this state many years ago and was widely known. She was a Christian woman and was highly esteemed by those who knew her. The time of her funeral has not yet been decided upon.

This morning Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure held an inquest over the remains. Three witnesses were examined They were John Braden, Samuel Campbell and Daniel Baum. The jury returned a verdict that Mrs. Braden had come to her death by heart disease superinduced by exertion and worry at the time of her husband's death. The jury was composed of Dr. Fred R. Stoner, foreman, D. T. Holman, W. H. Huston, H. D. Cottin, A. J. Trimmer and H. M. Trimmer.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HUGHES.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Hughes, wife of Thomas Hughes, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Patrick's Catholo church. The service will be conducted by Rev. Father Brady and the burial will be at the Catholic cemetery. Last night Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure held the inquest over the remains. The jury was composed of Dr. Ira N. Barnes, W. C. Bowers, T. F. Hays, Dan Higgins, Charles Hughes and James J. Moran. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased had come to her death by inflammation of the heart, preceded and complicated by rheumatism.

TWO HORSES BURNED.

Barn and Contents Destroyed by Fire Early Sunday Morning.

The barn in the rear of the residence of Isaac Runyan, living in the 1400 block on North Morgan street, was entirely destroyed by fire Sunday morning about 3 o'clock. Two horses were burned to death. It is not known how the fire started and the barn was entirely destroyed before it was discovered An alarm was sent into the Morgan street house. Chief Devore was first to arrive at the fire and finding that the building had been burned down he ordered the fire wagons back. The entire loss will amount to something in the neighborhood of $300. The barn was worth about $50 and the two horses and wagon which were burned amounted to about $250 Mr Runyan is a teamster and kept his wagon and horses in the barn. It is thought that the place was set on fire.

BROKE HIS KNEE.

W. J. Hostetler Met With a Serious Accident Sunday Afternoon.

From the Daily of Monday.

W J Hostetler met with a bad accident Sunday afternoon. He fell on the ice and broke his knee cap. Mr. Hostetler was visiting at the home of Dr. W B Hostetler on Prairie avenue. He had his little daughter in his arms and was leaving the house when he slipped on the icy steps and fell, striking his knee and breaking the knee cap. He was assisted to his home on West William street and Drs W. J Chenoweth and W. B. Hostetler rendered surgical attention. He will probably be laid up for six weeks Mr Hostetler had his hip injured many years ago and since then has been lame. The knee on the same leg was the one that was injured yesterday.

Card from Mrs. Shuler.

To the Public:—I, the wife of Oscar Shuler, can prove that I never left him. According to what the doctors said, Mr. Charles Shuler came in and took Oscar out home with him, for a rest and a change for mental trouble I can prove that I was not quarrelsome or cruel to Oscar. The reason why I nor my witnesses were not subpoenaed, was because they wanted to save expenses and did not want the real cause known So far as the furniture is concerned, it belongs to me and my children, till my husband comes back cured. I don't want my name put in the papers any more or some one will have to answer for it.

OLA SHULER.

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 21.

THE NOECKER PROPERTY.

Valued at $10,000—Decision for the Plaintiff on All Points.

In the partition suit of Ella B. Noecker against executors of the will of the late Dr. Noecker of Piatt county, in which there was a contest over the old homestead, which is valued at from $8000 to $10,000 and also for partition of 1500 acres of land mostly located in Piatt county, the case on Saturday was decided by Judge Cochran in favor of the complainant on all disputed points. The firm of Black & Park of this city and Lodge, Hicks & Lodge of Monticello were the attorneys for the complainant. The case was tried last week at Monticello and was of more than ordinary interest as several of the legatees of the will are residents of Decatur.

The ministers and congregations of Atlanta united in a welcome service last Sunday to Rev. J. P. Waggoner, the new Cumberland Presbyterian minister.

CAPT. BROWN DEAD

Passed Away at His Home in This City.

HAD LIVED HERE MANY YEARS

Was a Well-Known and Respected Citizen—Had a Stroke of Appoplexy Last Monday—Death of Dr. Ham.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

Captain William James Brown died last night at 7.30 o'clock at his residence, 327 South Main street as a result of a stroke of apoplexy, which he received last Monday morning. Since that time he has not been conscious and his life gradually left him

Captain Brown was 71 years old and was one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the county. He was in business in Decatur for many years and served in the late war. He leaves a wife and four children, Miss Hattie J. Brown, Mrs Anna Simpson, Miss Jessie L Brown and Christopher N. Brown. He also leaves three brothers and one sister. They are Daniel C. and Christopher C. Brown of Springfield, James B. Brown of Media and Mrs. A. H. Cowgill of Springfield.

William J. Brown was born March 23, 1827 in Greenburg, Green county, Ky, but was raised in Sangamon county, Ill. He was a son of William Brown, an old Virginia pioneer, who settled in Kentucky in the early days. William B Brown was a sturdy frontiersman and was known for his ability as an Indian fighter in the early times in Kentucky. He moved to Athens county in 1833.

Mr Brown was married to Miss Elizabth M. Smith at Clinton, November 22, 1855, and soon afterward the two young people moved to Decatur, where they have lived ever since Mr. Brown opened a drug store on East Main street, where he continued in business for several years, afterwards going into the drug business with W. C. Armstrong

In 1862 he became captain of Company A, 116th Illinois infantry. He served bravely through the battles of Chickasaw Bluff, Arkansas Post and through the seige of Vicksburg and until its capture In 1863, on account of disability received in the army, he was obliged to come home He went to California with his brother, John, who was in ill health and on his return went back into the drug business. For 19 years he was pharmacist at the Dr. Stoner drug store Two weeks ago he retired.

Captain Brown was a member of Dunham Post, G. A R., and was also a Mason. He had a large acquaintance both in the city and county.

The funeral will be held from the residence at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. W H. Penhallegon will officiate and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

DEATH OF DR. HAM.

On Tuesday Dr. Sylvester C. Ham died at his home in Auburn, Sangamon county. The deceased was one of the best known physicians of central Illinois and was formerly a resident of Decatur He was a son of the late R. N. Ham, and was a native of Waverly, Ill, where he was born in 1852. In 1878 he married Mattie Crosthwaite, daughter of G W. Crosthwaite of Decatur. He studied medicine with Moore & Barnes, and graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago He resided in Kansas some years, later removing to Auburn. He was a member of the Methodist church, of the Knights of Pythias order, the Court of Honor and American Home and Fireside. Dr. Ham leaves his wife, two sons and two daughters, Roland, aged 15 years; William, aged 9 years; Pearl, aged 18 years, and Marie, aged 5 years. He was a brother of Mrs. Dr. W. C. Johnson of Pawnee

The funeral will occur Thursday and the burial will be at Auburn cemetery. The Rev. M. R. Palmer of Auburn will officiate.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HUGHES

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Hughes, wife of Thomas Hughes, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Patrick's Catholic church. Rev. Father Brady officiated and the burial was at the Catholic cemetery.

FUNERAL OF MRS. BRADEN.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Laura Braden will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the Edward Street Christian church. The services will be conducted by Rev. Marion Stevenson and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery

STATE UNIVERSITY.

The New System of Accrediting High Schools.

The first year's work of the committee on accrediting schools under the new system adopted last car has demonstrated that the change is beneficial both to the university at Champaign and to the high schools of the state. By accrediting all subjects in which the quantity and quality of work is satisfactory instead of demanding from a school proficiency in the total number of subjects required for entrance, a number of the smaller schools which could not have hoped for recognition under the old system have been brought into relation with the university. Increased correspondence with the smaller schools throughout the state indicates that they have found a new incentive in the possibility of receiving justice in their necessarily restricted field of work. Thus it is evident that the university in extending its influence and coming into closer touch with the people has moved a step nearer to the fulfillment of its mission.

THE ICE BUSINESS.

D. A. Maffit and the Shlaudeman Co. Unite.

The business interests of D. A. Maffit, the veteran dealer in natural ice, and the Shlaudeman company, manufacturers of artificial ice, have been consolidated as it pertains only to ice, under satisfactory arrangements, and now the public can rest assured that no matter how mild the succeeding winters may be the new company will always be in a position to supply the Decatur and adjacent trade in quantities to suit. Mr. Maffit has put up a large quantity of river ice, and the ice factory is in shape to turn out a supply equal to the capacity of the valuable plant which is located on East Prairie street. The style of the new firm will be Maffit & McGorray. Mr. Maffit will look after the financial branch of the business in person, and both Mr. Maffit and Alex. McGorray will manage the business of the combination. The consolidation is regarded as a good move for the people and the parties whose money is invested in the plants.

COUNTY CONVENTION

Young Christian Workers to Meet in Decatur in March.

The meeting of the executive committee of the Macon county C E. union was held at the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Committees were appointed for the coming county convention. Miss Maude Martin was made chairman of the entertainment committee, A M. Taylor chairman of the church and decoration committee and G. W. Butler chairman of the nominating committee. This committee is composed of the presidents of the C. E societies of the county and will meet at the First Presbyterian church on next Sunday at 3 30 p. m to secure nominations for the coming convention. The program for the convention was mapped out and the final arrangements made. The convention will be held on March 31 and April 1

WORK OF BLOOD HOUNDS.

Rattler and Topsy Ran Down Two Men at Beacher City Last Sunday.

Florey and Armsworth were at Beacher City Sunday morning with their blood hounds Rattler and Topsy. They were called to the place on account of a robbery. The Grisson saloon had been burglarized and $15 in money, a coat, a hat and some whisky was stolen The dogs got a good start and ran down two men named March and Tully. The men reside in the place and several pieces of evidence which would point to their guilt were found. It was the intention to swear out search warrants in the hopes that the stolen goods would be found in the men's possession.

Noble-Bricker Wedding

At the residence of Mr G. S Younge, three and one-half miles north of Argenta, on last Wednesday evening, February 16, was quietly celebrated the marriage of Miss Grace Bricker and Mr Jacob Noble The officiating clergyman was Rev. D. O Giffin of this place, who performed a very short but impressive ceremony, after which they proceeded to the home of the groom's father, where there was served a delightful supper The bride is a grand daughter of G. S Younge and one of our most accomplished belles, and the groom is an enterprising farmer, who is held in high esteem by all who know him Among those present besides the immediate relatives were Miss Bettie Layton and George Trimmer of Decatur and T. J. Curtis of Richmond, Ky. We wish the happy couple a prosperous future, hoping the anniversary of their marriage may be often recalled with pleasant memories

GUEST.

Going to Oregon.

Joshua Hubbard and family will leave their home in Austin township the latter part of March for Albany, Oregon, where they will reside for a year at least. Mr Hubbard will have an auction sale of stock and other effects at his home place on Thursday, March 3. He will sell six head of horses, three cows, 42 head of hogs, a lot of Plymouth Rock hens, and a full line of farming implements Sale will be called at 10:30. Lunch at noon. Col. E. J. Roberts will be the auctioneer.

Ill at the Hospital,

Mrs. W F. Neisler is critically ill at the St. Mary's hospital where she was removed last week. On Saturday Dr. Will Barnes assisted by Drs. Brown, Wood and Grimes performed an operation of a very delicate and difficult nature upon her and while the operation was in every way a success the patient is very weak and yet in a critical condition.

Why don't they have buffet cars on a train of disasters?

WASHINGTON DAY

Father of His Country's Birthday Anniversary

EXERCISES AT HIGH SCHOOL

Daughters of Revolution Celebrate—Colonial Entertainment This Evening—Entertainment by the St. James Church Choir.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

Today is the anniversary of the birth of George Washington and is the time when the people are expected to honor the "Father of his Country." The day was observed in Decatur in various ways. The banks, public library and offices at the court house were closed, and the pupils at the city schools all held exercises of some kind. The members of the Daughters of the Revolution celebrated this morning and tonight Entertainments will be given by the Home Forum and also by the choir of St. James Catholic church.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

At the High school this morning the members of the senior and junior classes gathered in the large assembly room and heard an address by Postmaster W. F. Calhoun The speaker referred to many of the incidents of the life of George Washington. He said that Washington was a man of common sense and a man of action, rather than a man of theory. The speaker said that Washington knew himself and that the young people should likewise learn to know themselves

In the rooms of Miss Freeman, Miss Claypole and Miss Hubbard this morning the students held exercises and this afternoon the pupils in Miss McGorry's room will hold a celebration

DAUGHTERS OF REVOLUTION.

The members of the local chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution celebrated the day by exercises held this morning at the home of Mrs J M. Marts on West North street There was a large attendance of the members and an appropriate and interesting program was carried out. The exercises opened with the singing of "America," led by the Misses Durfee. Mrs. V. N. Hostetler read an instructive paper on the subject "George Washington and His Times" Another interesting paper was read by Miss Hanford on the subject "Modern Ideals of Washington." A vocal duet was rendered by Misses Durfee and general items on the day were discussed by the different members of the chapter. The program was in charge of Mrs. V. G. Hatch.

The members of the organization recently elected new officers as follows:

Regent—Mrs W T Wells
Vice Regent—Mrs. J. M. Marts
Treasurer—Mrs. T T Roberts.
Registrar—Mrs J. K Warren
Historian—Mrs V N Hostetler.
Secretary—Miss Hanford.

The members of the chapter now number 26.

A Good Horse Sale.

The auction sale of horses at the Brenneman farm near Macon on Tuesday attracted a large number of buyers and good prices for the 30 head offered were secured The prices ranged from $25 to $130 It was evident from the bidding that horses are again in active demand The crowd was served with a fine lunch at noon. Col. Tobe Ward was the auctioneer. George A. Keller, J. M Hughes Ed. Hill, Jack Delbridge, Charles Wheeler, Marion Moore and Will A Hammer were among the Decatur people at the sale.

Married.

By Judge Hammer at his office, February 21, Luna Smith and Mrs. Libe Swearengen, both of Chillicothe, Mo. The bride had been in Decatur on a visit and the groom with his two motherless children, also came to Decatur. The couple left for Chillicothe yesterday afternoon.

By Judge Hammer at his office, February 21, Armond P. Moucke and Miss Lizzie Vandewalker both of Blue Mound.

At the Poor Farm.

There are now just 40 inmates at the county poor farm. There have been no deaths lately and all of the inmates are well

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1898.

Senator W. E. Mason, when he launches out into a discussion of the Cuban question, is only troubled by Senator Hale, but if he should insist upon the passage of the bill to tax corn flour to prevent the mixing of it with wheat flour, the visions of irate corn raisers will so far eclipse the army of Cuban concentrados that the latter will be entirely lost sight of. Label it what it is but don't tax it.

Minneapolis Tribune: When the matter is boiled down it appears that the main reason why the southern cotton mills are able to undersell the New England mills is the longer hours of labor in the south Referring to this, Mr. Dingley in his recent speech in the house said: "Protective tariffs can effect nothing. If the hours of labor in the several states are not equalized the labor organizations will compel an amendment to the constitution which will permit congress to equalize hours of labor all over the country." This is raising a new issue, and one which may assume considerable importance some day.

President McKinley's utterances on the currency question and his insistence that it is the duty of the party to do all in its power to enact such legislation as is necessary to sustain the credit and standing of our currency are still the subject of much newspaper comment One remarkable feature of this development is the great number of Democratic newspapers in all parts of the country which are cordially commending the president's views and declaring that it is the duty of every good citizen, irrespective of former party associations, to sustain him and the party which he represents in every effort to enact such legislation as is necessary to protect and strengthen, if need be, the credit and standing of the currency of the United States

Pittsburg Times: German investigators have been astonished to find that operatives in Massachusetts shoe factories were receiving $15 per week and producing shoes at a cost of 10 cents, while German shoemakers were getting only $3 80 per week and producing shoes at a cost of 58 cents per pair American ingenuity in constructing labor saving machinery was ascribed as the primary cause of this It must not be overlooked, however, that much of this machinery would not have been produced had not a protective tariff first enabled the building up of the industries in which it is now used with the final result of supply our own people at cheaper cost than ever before, employing many of them at higher wages than prevail in any other country and making possible the sale of the American product in foreign markets in favorable competition with the output of pauper paid labor.

The silver mine owners of the United States are preparing for one more struggle, through which they hope to force the United States government to double and quadruple the value of their private property. Through the enormous increase in gold production the world over, and the cheapness with which silver is produced, the value of their property has been greatly diminished, but if they could force the United States to adopt the free coinage of silver the value of their properties would be greatly enhanced. Hence their willingness to spend vast sums of money in the approaching congressional campaign They are preparing to combine the forces of the Populists Democrats and Silverites in every one of the 75 close congressional districts in the hope of carrying a sufficient number of them to control the house of representatives in the next congress, and it behooves every friend of sound money, of whatever party, to give his personal attention to the defeat of this renewed attack upon the currency and financial standing of the government.

An emphatic protest has been made by our state department officials against the action of the Prussian minister of finance in excluding American fruit and nursery stock from German markets. The pretense for this action has been the claim that American fruit products transmitted to Germany the San Jose scale and other vermin which would injuriously affect the fruit and trees of that country It is claimed, however, by the officials of the department of agriculture that this is simply a subterfuge on the part of Germany to enable her to exclude American products from her home market. The great favor which our fruits and other agricultural products find in these markets is viewed with alarm by the agricultural classes of Germany, and they have not, in the last two years, lost an opportunity to harrass and distress our exporters. A similar edict was issued against the importation of our meat products sometime ago, ridiculous and useless restrictions being placed on American meats, and our diplomatic officers have been able to make but little progress in having them removed This new indication of hostility suggests that the Germans are simply seeking a pretext to keep out American goods and it is thought that the time has arrived for this government to take prompt and vigorous action in the matter. It is probable that unless Germany promptly receded from her position, as soon as the facts in the case are determined, the president may institute sharp retaliatory measures. This he is amply empowered to do under the present tariff law, as if the German regulations as recently announced are enforced, they will be clearly in violation of our commercial treaty rights with that nation.

The False Issue.

The popocratic national committee has issued a poclamation which declares that the free coinage of silver is to be made the issue in the coming campaign. The business of the country is again to be troubled by this party made up of the ragtag and bobtail of political elements in the country, brought together on free silver, because the Democratic party went down under the low tariff banner which brought calamity before the people and left it stranded on its old issue of tariff reform.

The fact that the ruling element in the Democratic party took up free silver as the only means at hand to prolong the life of the party after its ignominious failure on the tariff, should be sufficient to satisfy right thinking men that free silver is only a makeshift with that party, to be used to fool the people. But, according to P. T. Barnum the country is full of people who want to be humbugged and this accounts for the fact that the free silver deception has many followers.

Another reason why men should see the sham in this new doctrine put to the front in 1896, is that the advocates of the doctrine admit by their course that free silver cannot be advocated as a principle, that it cannot be sustained by argument To make it go at all they depend upon appeals to the prejudices and passions of men instead of their reason, just as they did when they fooled the people into voting for tariff reform Not only do they resort to these methods but worse still to outright deception of voters. As an example of this it is only necessary to refer to one matter in the proclamation just issued by Chairman Jones of Arkansas. He announces that while the Republican party in its platform in St Louis declared the purpose of the party to be to do all in its power to further bimetallism, the course of Secretary Gage has shown that the Republican party intends to bind the people to the single gold standard and "monopoly" He leaves out the fact that the Republican platform declared in favor of the "present gold standard and bimetallism." Jones don't state this, however, but leaves those he intends to deceive to draw the conclusion that the Republican platform declared in favor of a double standard and has since deserted that position, which is untrue. The Republican party declared in favor of a single standard,—the present standard, gold—and in favor of international bimetallism. It did not try to fool the people on that question The Republican party does not believe in two standards of money any more than it believes in two yardsticks or two different bushels or pounds. It does not try to make anybody believe that bimetallism means two standards, because it knows there cannot be two standards of value The free silverite knows this, too, but he covers up the facts because he could not risk his cause on facts. He knows that the free coinage of silver means a silver standard and the retirement of all gold from circulation, the disruption of business, idleness, disappointment and starvation, just as he knew what the result of free trade or a low tariff would be, but he knows, too, that you can't tell the truth about a fraudulent issue and win. Victory in that case can come only by deception and appeals to prejudice and passion.

The Destruction of the Maine.

Nothing has so stirred the American people as the destruction in Havana harbor of the American battleship Maine, and the appalling loss of life which attended the blowing up of the ship.

If it shall appear that this great calamity is due to Spain or any of its agents the demand which will come from the American people for redress cannot be restrained. The people believed before this calamity occurred that the United States has already too long postponed interference to end the war in Cuba and were in no mood to hear of such a disaster to the navy. Whether the Maine was destroyed by Spanish treachery or not the loss only adds to the enormous column of expense this country has incurred on account of the war in Cuba in an effort to maintain neutrality. We have expended perhaps a million dollars since the war began watching and endeavoring to prevent fillibustering and to this is added the three or four million dollars of money loss represented by the Maine and its equipment while the slaughter of 400 American lives cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. It is only measured by the anguish of fathers and mothers who have lost their sons.

The United States should put a stop to this useless war Useless because Spain cannot subdue the insurgents and restore peace, and Spain should not be permitted to carry on a war of extermination. Take the loss of life, the loss of money and the danger to our own tranquility, the loss of commerce, and add them, and surely we have endured enough and lost enough to warrant us as a nation in violating if necessary every line of international law. The time has come to act. Let us rise to the importance of the occasion and remove the Spanish pest and the Spanish torpedo from our door. We have been in jeopardy long enough.

Extending Use of Corn.

A convention of representatives from 21 states has been in session this week at the Great Northern hotel in Chicago, discussing ways and means to promote a wider use of corn for food and for other purposes. Those representatives are from Illinois and other corn raising states. The convention was unanimous in a desire to further educate the people of Europe in the use of corn as food so as to give corn wider market.

Among the things, in which the use of corn is involved, that came before the convention was a fiery resolution against any action on the part of congress to regulate the use of corn. This resolution was headed off by the adoption of the following substitute:

Resolved, That this convention commends the earnest efforts of the manufacturers of new corn food and other products to increase the use of corn. So long as such products are honestly made and sold for what they are, they have nothing to fear.

This resolution has reference to the bill introduced in congress by Senator Mason to prevent the mixing of corn flour with wheat flour, and placing the mixture on the market as wheat flour. The bill provides for taxing this mixture so as to destroy the profit to the manufacturer or mixer and at the same time the motive for mixing. This is an extreme proposition. On the other hand we find in those who oppose any legislation on the subject the other extreme. It would be unjust to tax, to the injury of the producer, any wholesome product of corn. It is equally unjust to deceive the consumer by selling him for wheat flour that which is not wheat flour.

This convention of representative corn raisers by their resolution commending the manufacturers of new corn food, for their genius, and declaring that so long as these products are honestly made and sold they have nothing to fear has taken a logical position which is between these extremes It is not only logical in its position, but shows that it has no fear of any bill taxing corn products to suppress them passing congress. It can easily be inferred from the resolution, however, the convention expects that some legislation is likely to obtain which will cause these products to be honestly sold the consumer by requiring the product to be labeled, truthfully, whether sold pure or mixed with the flour of wheat. While serious and honest objections can be raised as to the pending bill, which has no show of passing and becoming a law, no fair objection could be raised to a law requiring the mixture to be labelled so as to indicate the proportion of corn flour to that of wheat to protect the consumer.

Nothing could injure the progress toward the wider use of corn than attempts to deceive the consumer as to the products of corn. Such deception would at once be detected not only at home, but abroad, and immediately great prejudice would be aroused against the corn product and all sort of extremes would be resorted to to destroy the use of corn in these new forms and the corn raiser as a result would find his market injured instead of benefited. What the corn raiser should demand is precisely what this convention has hinted at, namely, that the product shall be honestly made and honestly sold for what it is. Otherwise the producer would be injured. This country has never yet succeeded in creating a foreign market for any product by deception and never can. Dishonest importers of live stock, beef, pork and fruit have injured the American producer in the foreign markets one hundred fold more than they have benefited anybody by questionable methods. The action of this convention will be indorsed by every corn raiser who knows how to protect his interests.

Populists on Fusion.

Whether the effort of the silver trust to again bring about a fusion between the Populists and the Democrats is going to be successful seems to be very much in doubt Hon L. C. Bateman, the Maine member of the Populist national committee, is out in a vigorous denunciation of the proposition, which, he says, is a scheme of Senator Butler, the chairman of the Populist national committee, and Senator Jones, the chairman of the Democratic national committee, intended to serve personal ends and likely to result in the destruction of the Populist party. In an interview published in the Washington Star he says:

"No political party in this country was ever before disgraced as ours has been by its leaders They have fused with everything in sight that would bring them an office. Allen and Edgerton in Nebraska went over to the Democrats completely. This they had a right to do and we find no fault. Chairman Butler, however, has proven himself to be the Benedict Arnold of the century. Every move he has made since he was made chairman of the national committee has been made to advance his own personal interests. His treachery has been of the most unblushing kind. He wants to be re-elected to the United States senate and knows he cannot be without the aid of the Democrats in North Carolina. For that reason he has become the abject lickspittle of Bryan and Senator Jones.

"The recent meeting of the reorganization committee in St. Louis was unanimous for independent action and an early national convention for our party. No more fusion for them. This feeling is re-echoed by the rank and file all over the country. The committee did not deem it wise to call a national convention at that time, but left the date to be fixed by the rank and file of the party. A referendum vote is now being taken to see whether the convention shall be held July 4th of this year, May, 1899, or February, 1900 There is little doubt that July 4 of this year will be fixed upon. Who will be nominated? you ask. Let me tell you a story. The Democrats have been preaching to us for two years how necessary it is for us to be patriotic and rise above party. Perhaps you have noticed that every time we have risen above the party a Democrat has occupied the driver's seat. Well, we have become so thoroughly imbued with the idea of rising above party that we are going to do it once more. You will observe that even Democratic teaching has not been entirely lost on us We shall nominate Wharton Barker, the editor of the Philadelphia American. The Democrats and their assistants, like Butler and Allen, would be delighted to have the middle-of-the-road men nominate an old-time agitator like Tom Watson or Ignatius Donnelly. We all love and honor Tom Watson. He is one of God's noblemen—true as steel, and a thorough Populist. But we realize that should we nominate him the fight would come between the two old parties, as usual. The fusionists would then go over in a body to the Democrats Oh, no, the Butler-Jones faction will not see us get our feet into the trap, however skillfully it may be laid. With Wharton Baker for our candidate we shall have risen so far above party that even the Democratic schemers will come to a realizing sense that we are apt students. You are going to see one of the biggest upheavals in this country the coming year that was ever witnessed.

"Bryan is a back number, and the procession has left him far behind. It is doubtful if even the Democrats again nominate him. They certainly will not do so unless he becomes the abject tool of Wall street. Then they would nominate him simply as a decoy duck. That he would be perfectly willing to play his part is more than evident. He is the biggest political fake of the century."

AN APPLE CULTURIST.

H. S. Bullard, of Kansas, in the City to Visit His Mother.

From the Daily of Saturday.

H. S. Bullard of Leavenworth county, Kansas, is in the city to visit his mother, Mrs. S. S. Bullard, and his brother, J B. Bullard. Mr. Bullard is connected with a large apple ranch of Kansas which is the largest individual apple farm of the country. The place consists of 1630 acres of land all planted in apples. There are about 100,000 apple trees on the place and the yield is enormous. Mr Bullard says that apple culture is one of the most pleasant and profitable branches of agriculture. After the orchards are once set out there is no heavy expense of plowing and seeding every year as in the culture of the grains and the yield is sure. He says that there is money in the business if the apples are sold for only eight cents per bushel. Six weeks of the year are devoted to the harvesting of the crops and the apples are then put in cold storage houses until after the holidays, when they sell for a good price Mr. Bullard says that he thinks that Kansas is better adapted to the raising of apples than Illinois and that the markets are better than in most parts of this state. Mr Bullard is the son-in-law of the apple king of this country.

CASES IN COURT

Suit Over a Pair of Horse's Knee Boots.

BROUGHT AGAINST J. R. RACE

The Case of Amos Wheeler vs. Richare Shaffer Decided in Favor of the Plaintiff—Docket Entries.

From the Daily of Friday

In the circuit court today there was a suit over a pair of horse's knee boots which were valued at about $5. The plaintiff in the case was C. W. Rork and the defendant J R Race. Attorney D D. Hill appeared for the former and Leforges and Leo defended the case. Rork claims that Mr. Race's hired man borrowed from him a pair of knee boots to use on a horse. He also claimed that the boots were worth $5 and that they had never been returned and he therefore brought suit for the value of the boots The case was tried once in the justice courts and was decided in favor of Mr Race and was then appealed to the circuit court. Mr. Race claimed that he had offered to return the boots, but that Rork would not accept them, but wanted the money. The case went to the jury this afternoon.

The jurors who heard the case were as follows: T. J. Walser, R H. Coleman, Frank Blume, George Allen, W. W Foster, Vernon Bailey, John Bradshaw, J P. Ekiss, W. A. Andrews, W. H. Miller, J C. Lyons, Allen Chance.

Another case in the circuit court today was that of Amos Wheeler vs Richard Shaffer It was a case appealed from the lower court by the defendant. Wheeler and Turpin conducted a grocery business in a store building owned by Frank Dodd They had a lease on the place for two years. The firm sold out to Shaffer and claim that they transferred the lease to the buyer. Shaffer claimed that he did not accept the lease and has since sold out the store Wheeler has been paying the rent each month to Mr Dodd and the suit was brought to recover from Shaffer the amount of money paid in rent. The jury decided in favor of the plaintiff and assessed the damages at $206.50. The jury was composed of the following: E B Burkham, W. H Clough, W N. Lanham, C. H Collins, William Briggs, Z R Prather, W. H Armstrong, Allen Bartlet, Charles Ash, S T. Leonard, C. M. Currier, Elmer Denise.

The following were the entries on the court dockets today.

CHANCERY CASES.

Laura S. Hunt et al vs Fannie S. Cairns et al; partition. J P. Drake, E. F Kuny and R. R Montgomery appointed commissioners.

William J. Chenoweth vs. Eliza R. Piper et al; bill to quiet title Dismissed as to Henry Shlaudeman and decree pro confesso as to defendants not answering and referred for proof and conclusion.

COMMON LAW CASES.

Morehouse, Wells & Co vs. Samuel McBride, confession. Judgment by confession against defendant in favor of plaintiff for $12 83 and costs and immediate execution.

Amos Wheeler et al vs Richard T. Shaffer et al, appellant; appeal. Trial by jury. William H. Armstrong being excused by court, it is agreed by the counsel that the trial of this cause continue with 11 jurors Jury retired Verdict of jury for plaintiff and damages assessed by jury at $206.50

C. W Rork, appellant, vs. J. R. Race, appeal. Leave to file amended claim. Trial by jury.

Josie Schnell, minor, by her next friend, David Schnell, vs the City Electric Railway Company; case. Suit dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

Nellie S. Given, administratrix, vs Decatur Light, Heat and Power Company; trespass on the case. Default.

M. T. Hott vs. John R. Gott et al; confession. Suit dismissed by plaintiff. Leave to withdraw note from the files at cost of plaintiff.

GOOD PRICE FOR CORN.

Ford County Farmer Sells 4,000 Bushels for $1,130.

Paxton, Ill., Feb. 19.—S. L Day sold 4000 bushels of corn at Clarence, Ford county, yesterday, for $1130 or 28¼ cents per bushel. This is the best sale made in three years.

John O'Neil Dead.

St. Louis, Feb. 19 —Hon. John O'Neil, ex-member of congress, died today after a long illness.

Bank Statement.

New York, Feb. 19.—The weekly bank statement shows the reserve decreased $6,748,000. The banks hold $25,688,000 in excess of legal requirements.

Buried at Lexington.

Lexington, Ky, Feb. 19 —The body of Ensign J. C. Breckenridge, drowned off the torpedo boat Cushing near Havana, was buried here today.

St. Louis Embarrassment.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—C W Barstow, dealer in paints, oils and naval stores has filed a chattel deed of trust to secure creditors in the amount of $700,000.

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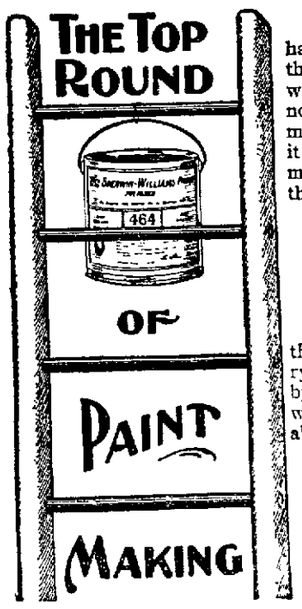

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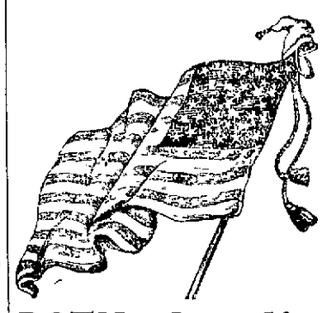

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Dated this 19th day of February, 1898.

GEO. S. CONNARD, Administrator.

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Macon County Teachers' Examinations, 1896-7.

1. First Saturday in February.
2. First Saturday in April.
3. First Saturday in June.
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Prompt Steps Taken to Investigate the Cause of the Explosion.

CAPT. SIGSBEE IN COMMAND OF DIVERS

Spanish Trickery Will Not Be Tolerated in the Inquiry--Request Denied--Mysterious Events on the Day and Night of the Catastrophe--Naval Department Active.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The Maine naval investigating board will proceed at once to Havana, where the work can be conducted rapidly to a finish with the assistance of Captain Sigsbee, and information gathered by divers from the wreck.

Captain Sigsbee has telegraphed that he has made an arrangement with the Spanish officials for the prosecution of the inquiry and that there is no friction. Notwithstanding Captain Sigsbee's opinion that bodies of the dead cannot be removed from Havana, the navy department is still besieged with applications for the return of the Maine victims to the United States for burial. This morning Captain Sigsbee telegraphed that the bodies of Officers Merrit and Jenkins were not yet found, and repeated that it is impossible to send home other bodies, as many could not be identified. Captain Sigsbee adds that 125 of the dead are already buried, with nine ready for burial.

WE WILL LOOK FIRST.

Spaniards Will Not be Allowed to Join in the Maine Inquiry.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Secretary Long and Assistant Secretary Day of the state department, had an interview with President McKinley this morning concerning the cablegram from Consul General Lee, transmitting a request for the Spanish authorities at Cuba that they be permitted to join our people in investigating the cause of the disaster to the Maine. General Lee was notified that while this government was willing to afford the Spaniards all reasonable facilities for the investigation, it was thought best that the first inquiry be made by our own commissioners. The request was, therefore, respectfully declined.

Captain Sigsbee in Command.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The Spanish request to be permitted to participate in the examination of the wreck of the Maine came in the following dispatch from Consul General Lee, received last night: "Sigsbee begins tomorrow with divers sent him from the United States to recover all the bodies still left in the wreck of the Maine, as well as the personal effects of officers and men, and whatever else can be obtained in that way. After that is completed the Spanish government would like to unite with ours in having the bottom of the ship and harbor in the vicinity jointly examined." The following answer was sent: "The government of the United States has already begun investigation as to the cause of the disaster to the Maine through officers of the navy, especially appointed for that purpose, which will proceed independently. This government will afford every facility it can to the Spanish authorities in whatever investigation they may see fit to make on their part."

It appears that Spain at first based it's right to participate in the divers' investigation on the ground that the wreck lies in Spanish jurisdiction, but the difficulty was relieved this morning by the Spanish charge d'affaire, who said there was a harmonious understanding between Captain Sigsbee and the Spanish authorities at Havana, whereby the wreck of the Maine will be considered extraterritorial, or United States possession, just as in the United Sates consulate. Under this agreement Captain Sigsbee will proceed to send down divers and make the examination. At the same time the Spanish charge d'affaire feels assured that Captain Sigsbee will allow the Spanish divers equal and simultaneous facilities during the examination.

TAKEN TO KEY WEST.

Wounded Maine Victims Removed from Havana—Five More Dead.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 19.—The lighthouse steamer Mangrove arrived this morning from Havana with the following wounded off the Maine: Edward Mattson, B. R. Wilber, J. C. White, Daniel Cronin, John Coffee, J. H. Bloomer, Alfred Harris, J. A. Rowe, Charles Hitcher and William McGuire. Of the 26 in the hospital five have died. Eleven seriously wounded still remain at Havana.

WHAT MAY BE DONE.

How the Situation is Viewed by the Administration Officials.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Beyond the dispatch of the Maine the administration has not formed a policy and in the nature of things one cannot be formed. But the following statements may be accepted as representing the opinion of administration officials, and as foreshadowing the policy which will be adopted, according as the result of the inquiry may determine:

1. The United States is big, strong, sensible and patient enough to await in dignity and composure the result of the official inquiry. Then—

2. If it be proved that the disaster was purely accidental, the incident, so far as it has any international bearing, is at an end. But—

3. If it be determined that the ship was destroyed by planted torpedo, marine mine or the act of a fanatic who is a Spanish subject, the United States will demand a heavy indemnity, with immediate payment, or, if this be not instantly forthcoming, Havana may be seized by our fleets.

4. If the worst and most improbable should appear—that the disaster was caused by the conspiracy of Spanish agents—everyone in Washington recognizes that there is but one way in which to meet such an attack upon the republic, and that is by a declaration of war.

EXPLOSION NIGHT AT HAVANA

Suspicious Episodes Connected with the Maine Disaster.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 19.—Surviving officers and men from the Maine who have arrived from Havana, while refusing to be personally quoted, do not hesitate to express the opinion that the big battleship, now a total wreck in Havana bay, was deliberately blown up by Spaniards anxious to precipitate war with the United States—not by Captain General Blanco's followers, nor by advocates of his policy, but by partisans of Weyler and the Spanish republic who are specially numerous in naval as well as military circles, and represent the strongest anti-American sentiment of Cuba outside of the volunteer regiments. War would favor Weyler's plans. The news that President McKinley had decided to keep the Maine in Havana bay drove the Spaniards into a frenzy and beasts were openly made in the local clubs and cafes by navy and army people in Spanish uniforms that if she did not leave port before the 15th inst there would be trouble.

NO. 1.

On the night of the 14th a number of mysterious boats were seen in the harbor, moving to and fro, at a late hour. One of these, approaching a freight barge loaded with cargo from a New York steamer, and anchored not far from the Maine, was fired upon by the watchman upon the barge, who wounded one of its occupants. The watchman claimed the men in the boat were, he believed, trying to steal some of his cargo.

NO. 2.

Another fact is recalled. When the Maine first entered Havana harbor the marine authorities were quick to tender its commander the use of buoy No. 4, attached to which the Spanish torpedo transport Legazpi had, until a few hours before, been moored, and rather insisted upon its acceptance. The American commander accepted the supposed courtesy in all good faith, but since the Maine's loss some of its survivors, remembering the Spaniard's persistence, suspect that submarine torpedoes and electric wires may have even then been already laid for the eventual destruction of the unwelcome American visitor.

NO. 3.

While people were yet conjecturing what the noise of the explosion on Tuesday night was, an officer of the Spanish flagship Alfonso XIII., at one of the tables in the Hotel Inglaterra cafe, to whom an excited American newspaper correspondent addressed a query as to the cause coolly replied: "Why, it's on the Yankee warship Maine; didn't you know?" This was exactly 9:50 o'clock, and the officer chuckled and looked wise, as if congratulating himself that he was better informed than the New York reporter. At this moment a newspaper extra was already being cried upon the streets, El Correo, the local organ of Weyler and the intransigente Spanish element, announcing the loss of the American warship "through the carelessness of its crew in handling some torpedoes just received from Key West."

NO. 4.

Americans and other foreigners from the hotels hurried to the water front. Mingled with cries for assistance by survivors struggling in the water there were heard upon all sides along the docks shouts of "Death to the American pigs", "Serves them right," "Viva Espana." The majority of the Spanish boatmen flatly refused to take applicants wishing to render assistance out into the bay.

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place and Blanco sent special orders to the harbor and marine police was any disposition to lend help shown by officials or Spanish spectators, though naval tenders with steam up had appeared alongside the Alfonso less than three minutes after the explosion, and proceeded to tow her farther away from the scene of disaster. One American newspaper man, though armed with a permit from Blanco and accompanied by a Spanish policeman, even then found difficulty in obtaining a boat at the custom house dock, to which 30 or 40 were moored. Members of the city fire brigade, called out by the mayor, though they went to the water front, absolutely refused to embark their apparatus and proceed into the bay to render assistance, and soon returned to the engine rooms.

DECLARE FOR WAR.

Cincinnati Board of Trade Men Ready for Trouble.

Cincinnati, Feb. 1.—A resolution calling on President McKinley to end the war in Cuba was read on 'Change yesterday afternoon. It passed amid scenes of patriotic excitement. It is as follows:

"The membership of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce has regarded with satisfaction the conservative and dignified course which has been pursued and maintained by the chief executive of our government for the last two years, during which the struggle for freedom has been going on in the Island of Cuba.

"We are impressed with the seriousness which the prolongation of this struggle implies from a humanitarian standpoint, in which cruelties have been practiced by the Spanish army unknown to modern warfare among civilized nations, and the disturbing influences to American trade with it, and, believing diplomacy has utterly failed to accomplish any object except delay, and that autonomy has been proved to be a delusion and the proposed commercial treaty a subterfuge to gain further time; therefore, be it

"Resolved, by the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, That the time has come for final action by the United States government, and we call upon the president and congress to take immediate steps to vindicate American honor and to bring hostilities upon the Island of Cuba to a close, pledging the hearty co-operation of the commercial interests represented in this body to whatever measures the president and congress may adopt."

SPANISH SENTIMENT.

Text of an Inflammatory Circular Printed at Havana.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 19.—Jose Luis Miquel, a well known Cuban of this city, has in his possession a circular issued in Havana against the Americans. It reads as follows:

"Spaniards—The time has arrived when the patience of the loyal has vanished before the decided protection that the Americans lend to the bands of turbulent foragers who lay in waste our country. Death to them.

"The moment has arrived to lower the colossal head of the Americans, and prove to them that our unconquerable nation can reach the doors of the capitol at Washington and demand reparation for the grave offenses which they daily inflict upon us. Expel—yes, expel without delay Consul General Lee, who, with his fame, is nothing more than the miserable secretary of the bandits. Away, away with the Yankee consulate protector of the criminals of the lowest degree. Every moment the action of justice is impeded by American interference. Are we to continue our toleration? No! No! A thousand times no!

"Consul General Lee, when the stupendous explosion comes that will tear your vitals apart, and carry consternation to the whole city, if you have strength left, it will be well for you to hie yourself to your country, and relate what has happened to you. Long life to Spain! Long life to Spanish Cuba! Death to our enemies! Death to the Americans!"

Spain's Order for Cartridges.

New York, Feb. 19.—An order for 3,000,000 Mauser rifle cartridges charged with smokeless powder has been placed with a powder firm in this city by the Spanish government. The order was given through a contracting agent, who has so far managed to conceal his identity. The powder is used by the Russian and German armies and England.

Bound for Cuba.

Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Feb. 19.—The Spanish armored cruiser Almirante Oquendo left here Friday for Havana.

The Italian third class cruiser Giovanni Bausani is expected here today. She is on her way to Cuba.

The Most Fatal Disease.

It is not generally known that more adults die of Kidney trouble than any other disease. When the first symptoms of this disease appear, no time should be lost in taking Foley's Kidney Cure which is guaranteed or money refunded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Condolence.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Expressions of condolence continue to flow in at the state department from foreign nations. Among the dispatches received this morning was one from General Woodford at Madrid, conveying the profound sorrow and sympathy of the queen regent of Spain.

Without A Rival.

As a positive cure for sprains, bruises, and pains of all kinds, Salvation Oil has no equal. Mrs. Frank Juif, 518 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, Mich., writes: "I used Salvation Oil in my family and can say it has no rival as a liniment; it certainly cures pains. I sprained my ankle and it cured me and since then I have always used it for any pains and bruises." Salvation Oil is sold for only 25 cents. No other

OLD MURDER CASE

States' Attorney Mills and the Faunce Sentence.

AN ANSWER TO INSINUATIONS

The Revolver and Other Matters Discussed Again — Insistent Request for New Evidence at the Coming Trial.

From the Daily of Friday.

Some days ago States Attorney Mills gave to the public a statement in reference to the McKinley murder case. Here is another statement from Mr. Mills which is self-explanatory:

In an article in the morning Review of the 17th, it is stated: "Mr. Mills left out one thing that everybody who read his article concerning the revolver, looked for anxiously. That was a statement of the causes that lead him to believe that the revolver found in the alley, and with which McKinley was killed, belonged to Joe Mauzy. . . . Since the revolver question seems to have been partially solved by the statement of Mr. Mills, it certainly would be very interesting to know what powerful influence was brought to bear upon the mind of Mr. Mills to cause him to believe that the revolver belonged to Joe Mauzy." I take it that this article, as well as others appearing in the Review relating to the pardon of Faunce and the indictment of Mauzy, comes from Harry Wheeler, one of its reporters, and as he seems to be the leader in this movement, his statement justifies this reply.

At the time of writing that article I thought, and I still think, that a public discussion or statement from me in relation to the question as to whether or not Joe Mauzy had ever owned or possessed this revolver, in view of the approaching trial where that question will be fully considered, would be out of place.

I will say, however, for the benefit of the readers of the Review, and especially of the friends of Jack Faunce, that I have given to Mr. Cree and Mr. Leforgee, counsel appointed by the court to prosecute Mauzy, every fact and circumstance in my knowledge touching upon this question, and that if they desire to make this knowledge public I certainly have no objections.

I will also say that I never made a secret of the information that I have upon this subject. Nor have I ever claimed to possess any direct proof that Mauzy ever had or owned this revolver. All that I have ever said was that from certain facts in my possession I was inclined to the opinion that it was his revolver. I have not only been free to express this opinion, but gave it to Mr. Wheeler personally as well as to Mr. Faunce, the facts upon which I had formed this opinion, the publication of which by Mr. Wheeler would clear up the balance of this revolver mystery if he had any disposition to have it cleared up in the public mind.

In this same article is the following statement: "It is an awfully hard matter to get Mr. Mills to believe that Faunce is an innocent man. All the evidence submitted to the pardoning board failed to shake his belief in the least."

If Mr. Wheeler is really the author of this article, this is a most remarkable statement or accusation, and it is not less remarkable if made by any person having any information of the facts in relation to this case.

To Jack Faunce personally, to his friends, and to his lawyers having in charge the petitions for his pardon, I have always stated that if they could produce to me any evidence discovered since the trial that would shake my confidence in his guilt, I would recommend his pardon and labor harder to get him out of the penitentiary than I ever did to get him in.

Prior to this recent application, there was never submitted to me a single affidavit or statement of any fact tending even in the remotest degree to prove Jack Faunce innocent of this crime.

Shortly prior to the presentation of the recent petition and affidavits to the pardoning board, Mr. Wheeler came to my office and asked me to sign Faunce's petition for pardon. This petition among other things, stated that the petitioners did not believe him guilty of the crime. I asked Mr. Wheeler what, if any, newly discovered evidence there was upon this question, saying that if there was any I would be very glad to consider it, and if it were such evidence as to show Faunce probably innocent I would sign his petition and also, if desired, I would, as required by law, prepare a statement of the facts in the case which he might have and present before the board. Mr. Wheeler did not show or offer to show me those affidavits in his possession, nor did he even advise me that he had any, or that there had been any newly discovered evidence in the matter. He claimed to me that Judge Hughes had written a letter stating that he believed Faunce innocent, and that if somebody did not move in the matter soon he would. I then told Mr. Wheeler that I would write Judge Hughes and ascertain what newly discovered evidence had been presented to him, and that if his mind had been changed by it mine would also probably be changed. Mr. Wheeler then advised me that this would not be worth while as he himself had received a recent letter from Judge Hughes in which Judge Hughes had made substantially the same statements that I had made. Mr. Wheeler then took out of his pocket the letter of Judge Hughes and showed it to me. As no new evidence had been submitted to me I could not well certify to the pardoning board that Faunce was innocent.

had been presented to the pardoning board and late one evening Mr. Wheeler brought these affidavits to my office with a certificate already prepared for me to sign, certifying that the parties making these affidavits had not testified upon the trial of Faunce. I refused to sign this certificate without examination of the affidavits, which Mr. Wheeler very reluctantly gave me an opportunity of making. This certificate as prepared even went to the extent of desiring me to certify that certain parties who had really been prominent witnesses in the trial of Faunce, had not testified at his trial.

The examination of these affidavits, which was made on the evening they were presented, was the first time that I had ever been shown these or any other affidavits bearing upon the question of the innocence of Faunce. After reading these affidavits I stated to a number of persons that if the affidavits of Mrs. Showers and Mr. McWithy and wife were true, there was a probability that Mauzy was guilty and that Faunce was innocent of this crime, and that as to the truthfulness of these statements made in these affidavits I would make a thorough investigation.

Mr. Wheeler, nor any other person, has the right to assume or say what influence these affidavits had upon my judgment as to the guilt of Mauzy or the innocence of Faunce. The truth or falsity of these affidavits is the very question involved in the trial of Mauzy and the one now being most carefully investigated by the counsel for the defendant. And if the friends of Mr. Faunce, including Mr. Wheeler, will have the patience to wait until this question and all the facts and circumstances touching it are presented in the trial of Mauzy, they will then be able to fully judge as to its effect upon Mr. Faunce's chances for a pardon.

In the interests of justice, I hope that this case will be allowed to be tried in the court and not in the newspapers, and that any person who has any information bearing upon the question of the guilt of Mauzy, or that would aid the counsel in preparing the case against him, will make it known to Mr. Cree or Mr. Leforgee, if not to myself.

I. R. MILLS.

STEAMER LUCILE STRANDED.

Supplies for Alaska Tied Up at Departure Bay.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 19.—The ship Lucile, having on board the government relief expedition, is stranded at Departure Bay, waiting for something to come along and tow it on to Dyea.

The Lucile has 113 mules, 106 tons of freight, five packers, two United States officers, and 24 men. The vessel after many annoying delays, left Seattle Wednesday morning in tow of the tug Monarch. It had been arranged that the Monarch should take it to Skaguay. The Monarch got the Lucile to Nanaimo all right. The Sea Lion is also there, but, according to a telegram received by Quartermaster Robinson, U. S. A., the Sea Lion is out of repair and cannot proceed to Skaguay.

Captain Libby said that the Sea Lion was not fit to make the trip at present, and that it would take him three days to get a tug to Nanaimo.

Captain Robinson was dumfounded when he heard of the latest trouble of the Lucile, and all day has been trying to get something that will take the Lucile to its destination. If he fails in this he will try to get a tug that will bring the Lucile back to a United States port. If he fails again he will secure a steamboat that will take the entire cargo of the Lucile and transport it in haste to Skaguay. As there is a scarcity of tugs on the sound, and as owners of all steam vessels plying between here and Alaska have their hands full, the hour of the Lucile's departure from its present location is a little vague and indefinite, although the ship's owners will undoubtedly meet the difficulty some way.

VISCAYA IN PORT.

Arrival of the Spanish Warship at New York.

New York, Feb. 19.—The Spanish cruiser Vizcaya is in New York waters.

She anchored five miles south of Sandy Hook light ship last evening.

When her officers and men learned the startling news of the Maine disaster and the downfall of De Lome they broke into wild uproar of talk. For a couple of minutes all discipline on the great warship seemed to vanish to the winds. The men rushed below to tell their comrades in the lower decks.

Not Afraid.

New York, Feb. 19.—Commander Sobral, naval attache of the Spanish legation and members of the Spanish consulate at New York, boarded the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya, at anchor off Sandy Hook, this morning, and were received by Captain Antonio Eulate. The Maine's fate was known on board and all were eager to express sorrow at the catastrophe. The idea that the Maine was destroyed by treachery is scouted. No one could be found on board who evinced the slightest anxiety as to the treatment or safety of the Vizcaya while here.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great Pile remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

H. A Steinmeyer & Co., of Carlinville, will build a forty-foot extension to their store.

S. S. Kenney and Miss Sarah Sharp were married at Melvin.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Purcell, of Knitnersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases, such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores, are readily cured by this famous remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

John Anderson, aged 84 years, died at

UNDER THE CARS

Curtis Kemp Met with an Awful Fate Last Night.

JUMPED ON A SWITCH ENGINE

While It was Moving—Inquest Held This Afternoon at Wykoff & Reeve's Undertaking Rooms.

From the Daily of Friday.

Last night at 10:35 o'clock near the Jasper street crossing, Curtis Kemp, a 17 year old boy, was run over by switch engine No. 110, and died of his injuries half an hour later. The boy had been employed at the Huff Bros. planing mill, but expected to get a job in the Wabash yards. The boy had been around the yards a good deal as he was well acquainted with the railroad men. A short time before the accident he was talking with Switchman Tom Cuttle. The switch engine was backing from the east and it is supposed that Kemp attempted to step on the foot board. No one witnessed the accident but after the engine passed Cuttle saw the body lying on the south side of the track. Cuttle called Officer Ed Koschenski, who was near by, and the two men placed the injured boy on a door and carried him to the switch shanty.

Dr. Parish, the Wabash surgeon, was called and on examining the boy said that he was fatally injured. The toes of the right foot were cut off and the right leg was broken at the thigh, the back of the head was cut to the skull. A messenger was sent to the boy's home at 1360 East North street. The father, John Kemp, asked that the boy be brought home, but in half an hour he was dead and Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure was notified and came and took charge of the remains. The body was taken to the undertaking rooms of Wykoff and Reeve.

Kemp was a bright young man and was well liked by the railroad men among whom he had many friends. He was a brother of Edward A. Kemp, Wabash brakeman.

This afternoon Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure held the inquest at Wykoff and Reeve's rooms. Five witnesses were examined. They were Engineer George Dempsey and Fireman Charles White, who were running the engine; Switchman Tom Cuttle, Dr. Parish and Officer Ed Koschinski.

MINGLE GUILTY

Jim Confessed to His Attorney Before His Trial.

DID NOT SPEAK ON GALLOWS

All Doubt at Rest—Maine Disaster Causes a Murder in the Coal Mining Regions of the East.

Springfield, Feb. 19.—It has been learned from an absolutely creditable source that James Mingle, hanged for murder, previous to his trial, confessed to his lawyer, Attorney W. H. Colby, that he killed baby Briscoe. It is only his regard for professional ethics and his obligations to his client, even after death, that prevents Mr. Colby from making public the acknowledgement of guilt made by Mingle to him. After consulting Judge Creighton he decided finally not to admit the truth for publication, but when asked if he would deny the story Mr. Colby said he would not. The doubt of Mingle's guilt has thus been effectually cleared away.

Killed a Spaniard.

Wellston, Ohio, Feb. 19.—A Spanish miner yesterday in a crowd of miners near Glenroy boasted that Spain would make short work of the United States in case of a naval war. He had barely uttered the boast when a pick was driven into his brain, killing him. He went by the name of Alander Alexandrier. It is not known whether he was a naturalized citizen of the United States or still a citizen of Spain.

BUSINESS WORLD.

All Lines of Trade on the Up Grade—Rise in Prices.

New York, Feb. 19.—Bradstreet's—Favorable features dominate the general business situation as a whole and few commercial conditions present themselves which can be regarded as in any degree disturbing.

Chief among those factors which make for continued or growing strength in commercial lines may be mentioned the renewed tendency toward advances in the quotations of all staple articles and the steadiness in prices in other lines where increases are not at the moment reportable.

Perhaps second in the list of suspicious features is the continuance of marked activity in all branches of iron and steel trade, more particularly in the central west, where it is authoritatively reported that over 90 per cent of the pig iron furnace capacity is in blast.

The failure of the southern furnace men to reach a price agreement is of tion, which, however, finds a counterbalancing factor in the intention to advance prices, reported from the Bessemer ore producers. The volume of distributive trade shows an increase notably in dry goods and groceries, also in many widely separated points as to warrant the conclusion that the spring trade is receiving perceptible impetus.

At the west iron and steel mills are reported generally busily employed and unwilling to take orders for early delivery.

Compared with a week ago, not one article of staple used is reported lower. Prices of nearly all kinds of grain, but notably wheat, corn and flour, and most metals, and particularly steel billets, copper, lead and tin have advanced.

The exports of wheat, flour included, for the week aggregate 3,933,000 bushels, against 2,120,000 last year.

Indian corn exports for the week were 5,056,000 bushels, compared with 6,441,000 this week a year ago.

ILLINOIS IN LINE.

Text of the Resolution Adopted by the Illinois Legislature.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 18.—In response to the special message of Governor Tanner to the leigslature on the Maine catastrophe, the following joint resolution, prepared by Senator Berry was adopted:

"Whereas, The governor has sent the senate a message relating to the calamity which has overtaken the United States battleship Maine and the crew thereon; therefore, be it

"Resolved, By the senate, the house of representatives concurring therein, That we, the representatives of the people of the state of Illinois, do hereby express our sincere appreciation of the services of the gallant dead of our navy, and extend to the wounded and all persons afflicted by this sad affair our most sincere and profound sympathy; be it further

"Resolved, That we hereby commend the governor of this commonwealth for his timely and patriotic message, and he is hereby authorized to tender to the president of the United States all moral and material support that may be necessary in this emergency to maintain the proper dignity of our republic and the honor of the American flag."

THE LUETGERT SENTENCE

Chicago Sausage Maker Goes to Joliet for Life.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Luetgert's counsel today presented 23 reasons in court why his client should be given a new trial. The motion was denied. The judge sentenced Luetgert to imprisonment for life. An appeal will be made to the supreme court.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Charles Johnson and Frank Stevenson of Urbana will build new residences this spring, and the J. Smith business building there will be extended and remodeled.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers.

Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief to all cases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Fatality of Croup.

Statistics show that thousands of infants and children yearly die of membranous croup. We do not exaggerate when we state that every one of these innocents could have been saved had Foley's Honey and Tar been given in time. Can you afford to be without it in your household? H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Rev. Stevenson of Cisco has gone to Indianapolis to receive throat treatment, and Rev. Grove of Champaign will occupy the Cisco pulpit during the former's absence.

Miss Florence E. Wallace and James G. Bailey will be married next Tuesday evening in the Baptist church at Delavan.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1898.

The insurgents under Gomez and Garcia are giving a good account of themselves and are making things exceedingly interesting for Blanco's forces in the eastern portions of Cuba.

Gen. John Charles Black is being urged by many prominent G. A. R. men in Chicago for commander of the department of Illinois. General Black was a faithful and patriotic soldier during the war and has a warm place in his heart for the comrades of the late war and would make a splendid commander.

There are many men in high places who say that it seems impossible that the Maine was destroyed by the Spaniards. The same people would have laughed at the suggestion that De Lome could be equal to writing such a letter as he really did write. It looks a little as if the Lord were taking a hand in the Cuban matter. The cry of the blood of innocence has, perhaps, come to His ear.

There are thousands in England as well as in the United States who are now clamoring for war, who have not counted the cost and who do not know what awful destruction to life and limb would result if great nations were to meet on the battlefield with improved arms. Great nations can afford to yield a great deal to prevent a modern war.

The commander of the Spanish warship, the Vizcaya, now in New York harbor, declines the service of guards for his vessel to insure its safety, saying he can safely trust his ship to the honor of the American people. He is no doubt correct in this, but it is a fact nevertheless that as much could not be said for the Spanish civilization There are a great many people who believe the Maine was destroyed by treacherous Spaniards.

The safe thing to do is to await the report of Commander Sigsbee after the examination of the hull of the Maine. An American naval officer can be depended on to do the proper thing without fear or favor. If it should be found that Spain has in any way been responsible for the destruction of the ship the people may depend upon the commander reporting the facts without fear or favor.

Those persons in the United States senate who seize upon the destruction of the Maine to bring on a crisis without knowing the facts will find that they will not be upheld in such a course by the American people. The people are for Cuba and want the war ended but they do not want the United States to interfere upon a false or dangerous basis.

The calamity shriekers are going to have a pretty hard time explaining to the dear people in the coming campaign how it is that business has so greatly improved without the free and unlimited coinage of silver. Last week's bank clearings show a gain of 54 per cent over the corresponding week of a year ago, and are 16 per cent larger than those of the corresponding week of 1892, the most prosperous business year of the past decade.

It will probably be a little embarrassing to the Democratic stump orators who expected to use their 1896 speeches in the campaign of 1898, to know that the money in circulation in the United States at the beginning of the present month was $223,556,269 in excess of the amount in circulation at the date of the adopting of the Democratic platform of 1896, which is being made the basis of Democratic operations in the campaign of this year.

Populist National Committeeman Bateman of Maine, denounces in the most vigorous terms the proposition which a group of men in Washington representing silver mine owners have formulated, by which they propose a fusion between Populists, Democrats and the silver party in the coming congressional campaign. He says that every so called fusion heretofore has resulted disadvantageously to the Populists, and is destroying their organization and the prospects of party growth.

Those who were insisting that Congress ought to take the Cuban question out of the president's hands will probably conclude from the developments of the past few days that there is no occasion for such action, the president's firm and dignified attitude in the recent De Lome episode being such as to fully warrant the view which his friends have held from the first that he can be relied upon to conduct the entire matter in a manner which will reflect credit upon the nation and bring about the best results.

The money received by the farmers of the country for their farm products in the past year will exceed by hundreds of millions of dollars that received in the preceding year The excess in the value of their exportations alone during the seven months just ended is, in round numbers, $75 000 000, and, as the exportations are but a small proportion of their total sales, it is evident that their gain in money received for their products during the year will reach into the hundreds of millions of dollars as compared with that received in the preceding year.

One by one the "statesmen out of a job" find employment in the interests of the silver syndicate which is seeking to force its wares upon the people of the United States, even at the cost of national honor and the destruction of national finance. Ex-Senator Dubois is the last addition to the band of "silver missionaries" who are traversing the country in the interests of this enormous trust, having recently visited Washington for the purposes of developing certain schemes in this interest. Bryan, Warner, Towne and Dubois, and a large number of lesser lights, whose people grow tired of them in congress, are now apparently devoting themselves to this "lost cause" in a manner which justifies the suspicion that the silver trust has put several new bar's on tap.

Mr. Teller and his associates in and out of congress, who profess such a warm admiration for the Mexicans and their system of finance, might with entire propriety take some lessons from them just now. Simultaneously with the adoption by the free silver party in the senate of a resolution favoring the payment of United States bonds in silver coin, the Mexican government comes to the front with a proposition to sell bonds payable in gold, and gold only. There is quite a contrast between the action of a silver currency country proposing to sell gold-bearing bonds and that of a country which issued bonds with the understanding that they would be paid in gold and then suggest paying them in silver.

"In the industries of the country, the most significant fact is that in different branches there are constant accounts of additional works starting, some only after a few months' or a year's rest, but others which have been idle for several years, and one for 13 years. With new machines or new owners old works are rapidly put in shape to meet a new demand. This appears not only in textile works, where a few are changing from cotton to silk or linen, but even in iron and steel, notwithstanding the present enormous production and current low prices. In the cotton workers' strike no change appears, except that demands for further legislation against mill owners are made in legislatures."—Dun's Review.

The recent action of the silver men in congress, in proposing to pay the bonds of the United States in silver, is evidently having its effect upon the standing of our securities of all classes abroad, since the average investor in other parts of the world looks with suspicion upon all obligations emanating from a country in which a political party with so large a following deliberately proposes practical repudiation. It is doubtless this fact which is responsible in some measure at least for the small amount of gold now coming into this country in payment for the large exportations, since foreign holders of our securities prefer returning them to the United States and having them redeemed rather than taking chances of their being disadvantageously affected by a repudiation sentiment which developed such strength in the national legislature.

Revenue.

The treasury department's reports are extremely satisfactory with reference to the revenue-producing qualities which the Dingley tariff law is developing. The receipts of the treasury this month have averaged more than one million dollars per day up to this time, and as the annual expenditures of the government only average about a million dollars a day, there is good reason for feeling that the new law has reached the promised point of producing sufficient funds to meet the current expenses of the government. February receipts will, it is now quite apparent, exceed those of any February since the close of the normal operations of the McKinley law. That law operated normally until the shadow of impending free trade legislation prostrated business and reduced importations to a minimum. During its first three years the February receipts averaged nearly thirty million dollars and it now looks as though the February receipts of the Dingley law would nearly or quite equal that. Certainly the receipts of the present month will exceed those of any February under the Wilson law, and it is probable will be sufficient to not only meet the running expenses of the treasury but begin the creation of a surplus. The following table shows the February receipts since 1891, the first year of the operations of the McKinley law:

February.

1891	$29,279,173
1892	30,598,944
1893	29 698,143
1894	23,204,299
1895	22,888,057
1896	26,069,228
1897	24,400,297
1898	29,000,000 (estimated.)

Dead Free Trade Speeches.

Democrats who are preparing to utilize in the fall campaign their tariff speeches delivered during the discussion of the Dingley bill will do well to revise those features in which they insisted that the bill, if made a law, would reduce our sales abroad, especially to countries which were making protests against it. Here are the figures showing our sales since the enactment of the Dingley law to the 14 countries which protested against it, with an implied or expressed threat of retaliation by the rejection of our products. It will be seen that in practically every case there has been a large increase in our sales to these very countries which made protests

EXPORTATIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

	August 1 to December 31, 1896.	August 1 to December 31, 1897.
United Kingdom and Canada	$269, 261,21	$274 274,630
Germany	60 723,324	69,813,854
France	37,237,152	44,448,283
Netherlands	20,635,631	28,963,986
Belgium	14,960,172	23,317,509
Italy	9,472,907	10,123 224
Japan	5,151,384	7,562,502
China	4,318,355	3,457,869
Denmark	3,711,604	4,904,469
Argentina	3,3 2,521	3,169,835
Austria-Hungary	1,309,423	2,143,730
Turkey	153 845	314,170
Greece	67,634	4,194
Switzerland	22,902	112,047
Totals	$430,361,575	$472,608,523

A Tariff Without Sense.

The American Economist: The manner in which some lines of American goods are taxed in Germany is forcibly illustrated in a communication from a correspondent of the American Economist in Fuerth, Bavaria. The case in point has no connection with the action of the Prussian government in reference to American apples, the latter having occurred several weeks after the arrival of the invoice of canned goods to which the correspondent alludes. The consignment consisted of two cases of four dozen two-pound cans of peaches, one case of two dozen two-pound cans of corn, and one case of two dozen three-pound cans of tomatoes. These goods were shipped from Baltimore. The selling price in that city was $7, and the freight from Baltimore to Fuerth was $6.70. The duty amounted to 42.50 marks, or $10.12.

"From this," writes the correspondent, "you can see that we have no duty in the states compared with the German duty. Just such duty as this keps our American canned goods out of Germany. If the free trade or tariff-for-revenue newspapers of Baltimore, California, New Jersey and Delaware, where the large canneries are situated, could be induced to publish these facts, I'm sure it would interest their readers."

If to the duty of nearly 150 per cent is added the high charge for freight, the cost of laying down American canned goods is but little less than three times the cost of marketing the goods in our own country, and the selling price in Germany must of necessity be three times what it is in the United States. In America the delicious canned peaches and the wholesome sweet corn and tomatoes are classed as among the necessaries and form a regular portion of the food of the American workingman and his family. In Germany these articles are expensive luxuries, which are wholly outside the reach of the wage earners. The German tariff on these goods is so nearly prohibitory as to practically debar the people of that country from using American canned goods, and as there is in Germany no adequate supply of home-grown fruits and vegetables to take their place, the Germans must needs go without. This is not enlightened protection; it is prohibition pure and simple, a tariff without revenue and without sense.

Examining the Maine.

The decision of the naval board now in Havana inquiring into the cause of the destruction of the Maine, that all facts coming to the knowledge of the board shall be kept secret until the full investigation is completed and the report is made, is entirely proper and will tend to give greater force to the report as finally submitted. Should it be discovered by the divers that there is strong probability that the Maine was blown up by accident and that fact was given out it would result in severe criticism upon the board. Then again, first indications might be entirely destroyed by facts discovered later on. On the contrary should the first signs discovered be that the battleship was destroyed by treachery and these signs be overruled by subsequent discoveries, the American people could not be satisfied that the board had acted fairly in the matter.

Premature expressions, on the part of Spanish officials, have done more than any other one thing to confirm the American people in the conviction that Spanish treachery was at the bottom of the destruction of the Maine. As soon as the explosion occurred the Spanish admiral at Havana announced it was due to accident. Other Spanish officials, and Spanish newspapers, have done the same without any investigation of the matter whatever. They have not even taken the precaution to admit that some Spanish crank might have done it. This simply shows a desire to establish an impression that it was accident, regardless of the numerous possibilities by which the Maine was wrecked

LOCAL MARKETS.

One Dollar is Offered for Wheat by the Shellabarger Mill and Elevator Co.

The price of wheat has gone up and $1 is now offered. Although the prices are good there has been scarcely any deliveries at all on account of the bad condition of the roads. The prices quoted by the Shellabarger Mill and Elevator company are as follows: Wheat $1 per bushel; white corn 27 cents, mixed corn 26 cents; white oats 23 cents, mixed oats 22 cents; rye 35 cents.

POULTRY

The receipts of poultry are light this week as the farmers have been unable to do any hauling. Eggs are more plentiful and the price is lower. Max Atlass offers the following: Hens and springs 6 cents per pound, hen turkeys 9 cents per pound, toms 5 cents, geese 5 cents, ducks 5 cents. Eggs 11 cents per dozen.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

Max Atlass pays 8½ cents per pound for hides and 3 cents for tallow.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb 23

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Yes'day
Wheat—					
Feb	——	——	——	——	
May	106⅛	106⅝	105	106	106⅛
July	91⅝	92⅝	91⅛	91⅝	92⅝
Corn—					
Feb	——	——	——	29⅛	29⅛
May	30⅛	30⅝	30⅛	30⅝	0⅛
July	31⅞	32	31⅞	31⅞	31⅞
Oats—					
Feb	——	——	——	26⅛	26⅛
May	26⅛	27	26⅛	26⅞	26⅞
July	24⅞	24⅞	24⅛	24⅞	24
Pork—					
May	10.75	10 90	10 75	10.82½	11 00
Lard					
May	5 20	5 30	5.20	5.25	5 25
Ribs					
May	5 17½	5.25	5 17½	5.20	5.25

July wheat: Puts, 90½; Calls, 92⅛; Corn 31⅞.

To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.

Wheat—72; Estimated, 37, a year ago 20
Corn—418, Estimated, 300, a year ago, 20
Oats—268; Estimated, 250, a year ago, 404.

Estimates for To-Morrow.

Wheat, 110; Corn, 600; Oats, 400.

Hogs

Hog receipts, 40,000. Estimated, —.
Market 5c lower.
Light, $3.85@$4.02; Mixed $3 90@$4 10,
Heavy $4 00@4.13, Rough, $3 85@$3 90.
Estimated for to-morrow, 39,000.

Cattle.

Cattle receipts, 18,000. Market weak, lower.

The suit of Mary Jones against John W. Jones, in which the plaintiff brought suit to replevin goods belonging to herself and husband which had been taken by her husbands's father, John Jones, on a mortgage given by her husband, was tried before Justice George P. Hardy yesterday. Justice Hardy gave his decision in favor of the plaintiff this morning. Attorney J. M. Gray represented Mrs. Jones and Attorney W. E. Redmond the defendant.

GRAND OFFICERS

Of the K. of P. are in the City Today.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Being Held This Afternoon—Another Session to be Held This Evening at Chevalier Bayard Lodge.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

The school of instruction of district No. 15, Knights of Pythias, is in session today in this city at the Chevalier Bayard hall in the Roberts and Green building. Archibald G. Servoss, Grand chancellor and J. B. Dinges, dputy grand chancellor for this district, are in charge.

The first session opened this afternoon at 2 o'clock. J. B. Dinges made some introductory remarks and there was an address by Grand Chancellor Servoss. The exemplification of the secret work was carried on by P. H. Duncan, past supreme lecturer, and addresses were given by the past chancellors. The exercises concluded with the expounding of the supreme and grand laws by the grand chancellor.

The session this evening will be held from 7 until 12 o'clock. Refreshments will be served after the exercises. The following will be the program:

Music.

Opening Ceremonies.

Exemplification of the Secret Work—Past Sup. Lecturer Duncan.

Address—A. G. Servoss, Grand Chancellor.

The Rank of Knight in Amplified Form.

Stereopograph-Gram-o-phone Entertainment by the W. L. Smith Bell Ringer Concert Company.

There are already about 200 members of the organization from out of the city present and 100 more are expected tonight The attendance is much larger than was ever anticipated by the local members. Grand Chancellor Servoss and Past Grand Chancellor Benedict are in the city and the other grand officers are expected this afternoon.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

The afternoon and evening school of instruction for the Knights of Pythias of the 15th district, comprising 23 lodges with a total membership of 1500, represented by J. B. Dinges of Decatur as deputy grand chancellor, held at the castle hall of Chevalier Bayard lodge, did not close until nearly 3 o'clock this morning. The gathering was an entire success as a means of dessominating valuable information and for its social features. The lodges represented were those at Decatur, Assumption, Argenta, Arcola, Bement, Cisco, Cerro Gordo, Forsyth, Kenney, Lane, Latham, Moweaqua, Maroa, Macon, Oreana, Sullivan, Tuscola, Weldon and Windsor. Maroa sent 30 knights, Cerro Gordo 24 and Argenta 18. The total attendance for the afternoon and night was over 300, a school fully as large as any yet held in the state, and on the authority of Grand Chancellor Servoss, the inspiration, the interest, the actual benefits, and for the perfection of the third rank work, exceeded that witnessed at any similar gathering within the domain of Illinois.

Chancellor Commander N. W. Dew presided at the afternoon and evening conventions, aided by the other officers of the lodge. The address of welcome was by District Deputy Dinges, who said:

"One less employed and more gifted than myself should have been chosen to extend a welcome to the Pythian Knights, but inasmuch as the duty has devolved upon me, will try to perform it with all warmth and earnestness. I feel constrained to thank you, brothers, for your prompt response to this call of duty. It is intensely interesting to know that in a lapse of nearly 2400 years the incidents which gave birth to our noble order are still remembered, recognized and cherished, by thousands of valiant and loyal knights. Your presence here is not only an evidence of this fact, but it emphasizes our adherence to Pythianism and the cause of Friendship, Truth and Virtue I feel it safe to presume that you are not only here for the pleasant association with your brothers of the order, but that you come with an ardent desire to gain all knowledge requisite to intelligent knighthood. I trust this school of instruction will be a profitable lesson and a pleasure to you all, and that it will be regarded by the grand chancellor as creditable alike to the the district, and to the grand domain Therefore I welcome you in behalf of the 15th district and in behalf of your brother knights in Decatur and in behalf of humanity I welcome you as representatives of the grandest, most progressive, and most magnificent order on this green earth"

The address was received with great enthusiasm.

Dr. Archibald G. Servoss of Havana, grand chancellor, gave a stirring address on Pythianism, and was followed by F. E Duncan of Iowa, past supreme lecturer, who gave a full exemplification of the secret work of the three ranks of the order, answering questions readily and giving instructions that cannot fail to be of help in every lodge in the district John D. Benedict of Danville, past grand chancellor, gave a fine address on the principles of the order, which was received with generous applause.

At the night session the castle hall was again crowded, rows of chairs four and five deep around the hall being occupied, and members sitting on the steps and platform of the stations. Grand Chancellor Servoss held the floor for over an hour, expounding the grand and supreme laws and in person exemplifying the secret work to the edification of all present. Then followed the Third Rank work in amplified form, given by the Chevalier Bayard team in the most approved style. The candidate was Walter Peters, upon whom was conferred the Rank of Knight by Deputy Dinges.

Mr. Duncan gave the members a talk on the endowment rank, when the formal ceremonies of the night closed

In the banquet hall after dismissal refreshments were served to all present without charge—coffee, sandwiches and cigars, and then came the stereoptograph and gram-o-phone entertainment by Will L. Smith. The living and moving pictures caught the boys, and brought forth enthusiastic applause. Cards and social converse were the other diversions of the gathering.

The officers of the school of instruction organization are H O. Clair, chairman, Assumption; vice president, F. R. Querry, Argenta; secretary, John Allen; treasurer, Gus A. Ahrens These officers, with Dr. Servoss, Mr Duncan, Mr Benedict, Mr Applegate of Maroa, Deputy Vancil of Springfield and District Deputy Dinges, dined together at the St Nicholas last evening

Worthy the Name.

Results are what count. However worthy a man and his claims may appear to be they muse stand the test of proof before they are of any value. Drs. Appleman and Prettyman, the great specialists of Chicago, have met this requirement. They have now been coming here for five years, and can point to hundreds in this county they have cured after others failed. It is this that inspires confidence and regard in which they have been and will continue to be held. Their next date, Monday, February 28, at St. Nicholas Hotel. Consultation always free.

Farmers, don't fail to call at Spencer & Lehman's and see the New Deere Gang Plow. It beats them all. It is stronger, better and more convenient.
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Rev A. M. Dancly closed a series of revival meetings which have been in progress at Blue Mound for the past two weeks on last Monday evening. Friday of last week was a day of special interest. All the Christian people of the community were invited to assemble at 10:30 a m. to hear a sermon by the Rev C F. McKown of Barristown. A most interesting meeting was held Rev E. B. Randle conducted the quarterly meeting services at the church on Sunday at 10:00 a. m. and administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

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Ladies' Drawers from 15c up.
Ladies' Skirts from 25c up.
Ladies' Perfect Fitting Corset Covers from 10c up.
Ladies' Chemises from 25c up.

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Anything and everything in Infants' Wear.
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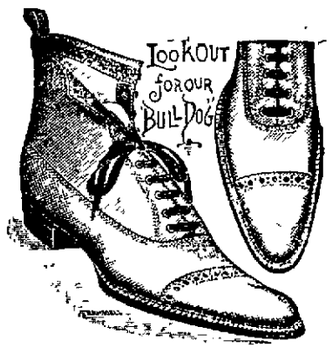

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OUR NEIGHBORS.

NIANTIC.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Durflinger returned Monday from Pawnee and Zembia, where they visited Mr. Durflinger's mother and other friends.

A memorial service in honor of Miss Willard will be held in the M. E. church Thursday afternoon. Rev. Pierce and Rev. Enufer will each make an address. A tribute, written by Mrs. L. O. Hawk, will be read by Miss Jennie Corbett. Singers from both churches will render appropriate musical selections. Rev. Pierce will also sing a solo.

John Beck is moving to Minnesota this week.

Mrs. Ann Hizer, who has long been confined to the house with rheumatism, was able to visit Mrs. Hill this week.

Dr. Mays of Illiopolis was called to see Mrs. Noel last week.

Mrs. George Jacobsen is recovering from illness.

The congregation of the Christian church will retain Rev. Enuefer for another year.

Born, on Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lloyd, a daughter.

This is Washington's birthday but no exercises in our little city served to remind us of the fact. The terrible disaster to the battleship Maine has absorbed every other topic.

All peace-loving people are praying that the investigation may disclose beyond a doubt that the great tragedy was accidental; but should the developments disclose it to have been otherwise, this great nation will not be tardy in making a fitting retaliation, and American mothers, wives and sisters, though their hearts may almost break while sending loved ones out to mortal combat, will bravely say, "Go, God bless you, and defend the dear old flag that has been so insulted." Yes, American women can be heroines even as their loved ones are heroes, and many a tear has been shed in sympathy with those husbands, sons or brothers have been so suddenly deprived of life and who can not even have the satisfaction of placing their remains here in America.

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LONG CREEK.

Rufus Hughes is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hughes.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs Frank Bonds died Sunday. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon and the burial was at Mt. Zion cemetery.

Dr. Bowers, of Decatur, was called Monday to see Mrs. Delia Floyd, who is quite ill with malarial fever.

Henry Erbar is moving to Decatur.

Rev. A. M. Danely commenced a series of revival meetings Sunday at Long Creek M. E. church, to continue this week.

John Hoyt shipped two cars of hogs Tuesday to Indianapolis.

ELWIN.

The body of Mrs. Gouker, the mother of Mrs. John Woods, is expected to arrive at Elwin Saturday morning. The funeral will be held Sunday.

Mrs. John Delbridge and Mrs. Chow, of Decatur, visited Mrs. Barber Thursday.

Grandma McAfee is able to sit up after her long illness.

Supt. J. H. Miller will start home Saturday from Texas where he has been on a visit for four weeks.

H. Ward, buyer for Judd Traughber, shipped a car load of hogs to Chicago from Moweaqua.

Mrs. L H Kater has moved to Decatur.

FORSYTH.

Thursday will be central examination for the schools near this place. A large attendance is expected.

Lena Petzel spent Sunday in Decatur.

Ed Gotnerman lost a valuable horse last Thursday.

Mrs. Cooper's sister is still visiting her.

The commissioners had a meeting here Monday.

Mary Parkhurst is visiting in Decatur for a few days.

Mr. Mowry, Dr. Drury and Mrs. Crawford were Decatur visitors Monday.

Several Knights attended the school of instruction in Decatur Tuesday.

Howard Smith met with a serious accident last week by having the end of his thumb cut off in a feed mill.

Etta Bixler visited in Decatur this week.

C. A. Thrift and wife made a business visit in Decatur Monday.

John Clough of Maroa was in the village Monday with a view to purchasing property. Real estate is rather high in the village at present.

HARRISTOWN.

Wm Lay has moved back to Harristown.

A lecture and graphophone concert was given at the First M. E. church on Friday night, by Van Doren, the African traveler.

The railroad men are improving property here by putting an iron fence around it.

Raymond Davis visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

D. D. Troutman has moved to the north part of the city.

G. W. Waldorf has improved his farm by putting up a patent wire fence.

Emma Cannon is very ill.

Mrs. S. S. Harper is improving.

BEARSDALE.

Mrs. Cynthia Ashton, of Cisco, is spending a few days with her mother, Lydia Pharis.

Grandpa and Grandma Good were in the dale today

Daniel Weigel, tax collector, spent the day here doing business.

Mrs. Laura Bracen, widow of the late C. G. Bracen, who died very suddenly Monday afternoon, will be buried Thursday at Greenwood.

Lulu Pearis is in Decatur visiting relatives.

Mrs J. P. Campbell, Mrs. Eliza Burkham and Mrs. Marion Moore were guests of Miss Cora Rife on Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs F G Hupp entertained a number of their friends and neighbors last Thursday evening in honor of their son Wm's birthday. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed a delightful evening.

Henry Lendis and wife returned from a visit to relatives near Forsyth.

Mrs. Cyrus Major and children are visiting her parents at Lincoln.

Mrs. M. E. Butt, of Chicago, who has been visiting her son and family here, will return to her home in a few days.

MAROA.

Mrs ... ollie Schultz went to Chicago Wednesday.

Mrs ... W. Cline of Decatur visited Mr. and ... William Rainer Sunday.

... H. P. Behrean were gu... W. F. McLean and family over ...

... the Sisters and their friends held ... social at ... We... ing. Refreshments ... ser...

Joe Hist will erect a building for his cigar shop just east of Fred Vahrnholt's meat shop.

Riley Shaw and family have occupied the Dill property in the north part of town.

Mrs. Mary Crabtree and son of New Holland, Ohio, visited Mrs. William Crawford and family a few days last week, en route to their home from San Antonio, Texas.

Married,—Robert L. Gorman and Miss Tillie Wade were married Sunday, February 20 at 2 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Potter, by Elder Lloyd Newcomer. The couple were attended by Miss Maggie Wade, sister of the bride and William Gorman, brother of the groom. The bride was attired in cream colored cashmere, with trimmings of satin, lace and ribbon. She carried a bouquet of white carnations. The bridesmaid was attired in white India linen, with pink sash and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Lloyd Newcomer. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party led the way to the dining room, where an elaborate dinner was served. The guests included Mrs. F. Wade, Robert Gorman and family, Frank Surdam and family, Robert Wade and family, William Oliver and family of Decatur, Rev. and Mrs. L. Newcomer, Benjamin Pape and wife and Miss Drusilla Moyer. A reception was given Mr. and Mrs. Gorman at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gorman, Sr., on Monday.

Will Schultz and family will move to Monon, Ind., about the 1st of March. Their neighbors and friends gave them a farewell surprise at their home Thursday.

Walter Harrington has returned to his home at Fowler, Ind.

Al Davidson and wife have moved to the Schenck property recently vacated by Richard Owens.

Mrs. Tim Waller, who has been very sick is reported better.

Mrs. Will Pharos is visiting her sister, Mrs. Pius Huff.

Rolla, the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs Charles Vanhook of Williams, Iowa, was brought here for burial Friday.

MACON.

Mrs. Hill of Decatur spent a few days last week with her son, Otho, and family.

George Oxer is confined to his home with the measles

Albert Whitaker of Blue Mound was in this city Sunday.

Mrs. J. J. Atterberry spent a few days last week with Albert Whitaker and wife of Blue Mound.

Mrs. William Herbert spent Saturday and Sunday in Decatur, the guest of her daughters

Mrs S. G. Washburn spent Friday in Blue Mound, the guest of Albert Whitaker and wife

Edward Bean and family of Clinton visited in this city over Sunday the guest of his parents, Mr and Mrs. Bean.

Dr. Randle, the presiding elder, preached in the M. E. church Sunday evening.

Mrs. A. W. Biddle has made the M. E. church a present of a silver communion set in honor of her husband, who was a member of that church while he resided here.

Miss May Kirk, who has been visiting relatives in Ohio for the past year, returned home Wednesday evening.

Mr and Mrs. Proctor and son, Harry, and Miss Nettie Patterson of Mason City, who attended the Patterson and Combs wedding, returned home Tuesday.

Carl Morris spent Sunday with his father, Asa Morris.

Miss Lottie Meeks' of Decatur spent Sunday with her grand parents, James Cook and wife.

Mr and Mrs A E Golden and daughter, Ruth, spent Saturday evening with Mrs Liva Cazalet and family.

A W McGowan of Stonington was on our streets Tuesday.

Friday evening Mr and Mrs A R Barker entertained the members of the Unexpected club at their home on Main street. The evening was spent in playing games until 10 o'clock, when refreshments were served. All expressed themselves as having very pleasant time. Those present were Mr and Mrs A L Fleming and son, John, Mr and Mrs Clint Webb and children, Mr and Mrs William Patterson and children, Mr and Mrs Al Rakestraw and children, Mr and Mrs Frank Hoover and children, Mr and Mrs George Hight and children.

BETHANY

Thomas Tomason of Windsor spent Sunday here. Tom's mother, Mrs Levi Younger, is laboring under a protracted illness

The protracted meeting at the M E church closed Sunday night. There were 60 conversions with nearly that many accessions to the church.

Joseph Knight of Chicago has been visiting old friends here the past week. Uncle Joe is one of Moultrie's early settlers.

Charles Rony transacted business at the county seat Monday.

George Everet has disposed of his goods and chattels and will make Missouri his future home.

Rev Cox, presiding elder for this district, is holding a series of meetings at the Free Methodist church Mr Cox possesses that magnetism which commands the attention of his congregation.

On last Friday while William Deadman was preparing wood for the approaching cold wave he had the misfortune to severely cut his foot Dr Vadakin cared for the injured member.

Bob Jackson has communicated to a bosom friend here that he is on his way to Klondike. The epistle bears a cold region postmark.

Charles Moore of Decatur is here talking Cripple Creek to old friends. Charles represents a mining company and is selling shares

The Bethany Klondike club which was incorporated for the purpose of sending a representative to the new Mecca of rich shining nuggets held its second meeting on Saturday night last. The shares of a $1000 capital stock company were disposed of and it now only remains for them to select a fever stricken party for the undertaking to make this enterprise a go.

Ed Watts is with us taking a vacation from his labors with a St Louis steel range company. Ed carries a beautiful side line of true stories, which he wields to good effect.

It so happened one day the latter part of last week that the candidates were congregated at Bethany from the four corners of Moultrie. They first showed their blood by chartering a train to haul them to William Wi...ek's sale. Next their appetite by marching through the Kendall house. The candidates of Moultrie are a jolly set in 1898.

The officers of the Epworth League met at the residence of Mrs R Creech Saturday night last.

Tom Gustin has left the land of his nativity for West Virginia, where he will engage in the butcher business Tom has surprised some of his nearest friends by his sudden leave taking

William Stark of Sidney, Wash, who is well known in these parts, narrates in a letter written to Abner Kendall, a thrilling story of his encounter with a large bear.

DALTON CITY.

Frank Spitler of Sullivan was on our streets last week.

Fred Wilson, the horse buyer, of Macon, was on our streets last week.

Thomas Sheehan of Harristown attended the W P Dunn wedding last week.

John Hughes visited Decatur last week.

Several from here attended the Tom Carney sale last week near La Place.

Misses Kate and Agnes Duggan visited Decatur Monday.

Albert Right of Lovington visited his best girl here over Sunday.

Oled Grace visited Moweaqua last week.

Michael Duggan of Decatur visited Dalton last week attending the wedding of William P Dunn and Miss Ella Nolan.

Billie Fritz has recovered from a sick spell.

Peter Dunn of Mt Zion attended the wedding of William Dunn.

David Donner arrived home last week from a visit in Iowa.

O B Hughes of Dalton is taking lessons from a horse breaker, who is located on the Yank's farm near Dalton.

James Beedre left for the sunny south Wednesday.

Lossie Heady of Bethany was visiting friends here last week.

Thomas Wellle of Prairie Home is moving to a farm over near Lake City.

Milt Williamson visited Bearsdale last week.

Sam Sullivan was boring a well at the elevator, which was owned by Greenfield and Cole, and he struck a strong vein of gas

Ball Doner arrived here last week from St Louis, where he has been working.

R F Duggan and Harry Bell visited Dalton Tuesday.

Charley Todd of Blue Mound visited friends here last week.

Johnnie McCaughey transacted business in Decatur last week.

The revival that was held by Rev Blunt the past month closed last Sunday evening.

Joseph Hagerty transacted business in Decatur last week.

George Reed and family will move on a farm south of Dalton City to work for J H Nolan.

Charley Hines transacted business in Decatur last week

George Boblet bought L P Cook's blacksmith shop on Main street. We all wish him success in business.

MT. ZION.

Born, to Mr and Mrs Bart Henry, on February 17, a son.

Born, to Mr and Mrs Owen Cregg, on February 17, a son.

Born, to Mr and Mrs Huston Banton, on February 18, a son

S D Smith attended the Sunday school rally at Argenta Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Mr and Mrs Charley Durning visited at Forsyth the latter part of last week

James Cheetams visited in Decatur over Sunday

Will Smith will work for C M Fletcher this summer

Dr Bert Scott went to Lake City Thursday evening

Miss Sillisia Travis of Decatur visited her sister, Mrs. N. Vest, over Sunday

Mrs Tomes visited her son, Charley, at Prairie Hall this week.

Miss Mamie Falkner spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs Britton at Hervey City.

On Thursday evening about 40 friends with well filled baskets gathered at the home of Mr and Mrs W S Smith and reminded her of her birthday.

The young folks had a hot time at the home of Mr and Mrs Rhining on Monday evening

A young man was seen on the streets Monday trying to ride his bicycle through the snow. He must have thought it was summer

The Peake Sisters gave a splendid entertainment at the C P church Tuesday night.

MARRIED 15 YEARS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cox Celebrate Crystal Wedding Anniversary.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cox of West Macon street last evening celebrated the 15th anniversary of their marriage in a most happy and auspicious manner. The hours were from 8 to 11 and more than 100 guests were present to assist them in fittingly observing the anniversary of this happy event.

The rooms were beautified by the tasteful placing of palms and potted plants. Mr. and Mrs. William Montgomery received the guests at the door and Mrs. J. M. Wood, Mrs. Daniel File, Mrs J. A W Bell, Mrs. Hugh Logan assisted Mrs. Cox in receiving and entertaining. Supper was served at 9 o'clock.

William H. Cox and Miss Anna Purdue were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J G Purdue, in South Wheatland township, on the evening of February 22, 1883. The marriage ceremony was witnessed by nearly a hundred of the friends of the bride and groom and was performed by Rev. W. L. Bankson, of Blue Mound. For a period of three years after his marriage the groom was engaged in farming and at the close of that time removed to the city where he accepted a position with the Decatur Coffin Co After remaining at this place one year he accepted a position at May Bros. grocery on South Main street, which position he still retains.

Guests in attendance from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. William Purdue, Flora, Ill.; Rev. and Mrs. W. L Bankson, Blue Mound; Mr and Mrs. William Montgomery, Elwin; Mr. and Mrs L. M. Purdue, Elwin; Mr. and Mrs Harlan Smith, Boody; Mr. and Mrs Cox received a number of handsome gifts.

Pension Board.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

At the meeting of the Decatur Pension board today, there were eight applicants for pension. For increase there were Anell C. Stevens and Alfred Westbron, Decatur; Wm. L. Bankson, Blue Mound, Patrick Haines, Mt. Zion, and Wm. A. Harbert, Macon. For original pension: George W. Sullivan, Argenta; John H. Masterson, and W. H. Ratliff, Decatur.

Filed the Bond.

In the county court today John Armstrong filed a bond of $500 as conservator for Darius Springer. K. Harwood was the surety

Blaming others is a poor way to justify yourself.

OLD SETTLER GONE

Mrs. Ann Rogers Passed Away This Morning.

WAS NINETY YEARS OF AGE

And was One of the Most Aged Residents of the County—Born in Ireland and Lived in Decatur Since 1853.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

Mrs. Ann Rogers, widow of the late Michael Rogers, died of a complication of diseases at 8:15 o'clock this morning at her home at the corner of West Eldorado street and Oakland avenue, aged 90 years. Mrs. Rogers was well known and was one of the oldest settlers in the county.

The deceased was born in County Claire, Ireland, in 1808, and came to this country in 1851. She came to Decatur in 1853 and has resided here ever since. With her husband she settled on the farm on which she died and has lived in that same place for many years past. She leaves one son, Michael Rogers, and three daughters, Mrs. John S. Campbell, Mrs. Sallie Peake and Miss Ellen Rogers. She leaves two grand children, Mrs. Dennis Bradley and Miss Fannie Campbell and five great grand children.

Mrs. Rogers was one of the old members of St. Patrick's Catholic church. She was a charitable and christian woman and made many warm friends during her lifetime. Mrs. Rogers has been in poor health for the past 16 years, and recently her health has been gradually failing. Her husband died about five years ago.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from St. Patrick's Catholic church and the burial will be at the Catholic cemetery.

The Circuit Court.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

The case of Mrs. Anna Diehl vs. David M. Garver, administrator, is still on trial in the circuit court All the time today was taken up by the trial of the case The only other entry on the dockets was as follows:

David W. Bray vs. John Blickle; trespass. Motion to strike second plea from the files.

DIVORCE GRANTED.

In the circuit court Saturday Judge Vail granted to C. A. Daigh a divorce from his wife, who resides in St Louis. It was granted on the grounds of desertion. Mr Daigh has been in the city for some time past making the repairs at the city water works.

NEW JURYMEN.

The following are the names of the new jurymen who will report for service Monday morning, February 28:

Decatur—R. A. Miller, H. G. Boyer, C B Adkeson, James Coop, B. W. Dillehunt, B. B. Babcock, J. W. Barth, Henry Bauer, J. G. Boyd, James Cherry, Fred D. Darwin, J. W. Gilbert, F. W. Caldwell, T. W. Battles, John Gauer.

Austin—W. Heft, Daniel McDonald.

Friends Creek—H E Dickey, Manford Beckham, H. Brenan, F. W Myers.

Hickory Point—A. Bassler

Harristown—Frank Crum.

Long Creek—H. P Clark

Milam—W H Overlin

Mt. Zion—James Armstrong.

Oakley—John O. Burley

Pleasant View—E P. Brewer.

South Macon—C. E. Atterbery, John H. Combs, A. J. Cook, Joe Procter.

South Wheatland—W. W. Knipple, C. F. Wells.

Whitmore—Samuel Garver, D. M. Good.

Uncle Sam's Pet.

On Saturday, January 1, the Wabash fast government mail train, No. 1, traveled 101 miles in 99 minutes, assuredly a good beginning of the new year. Watch future performances of this great flyer, the fastest mail train in the world and the pet of Uncle Sam.

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Rev Danely began a series of revival meetings on Tuesday night at Long Creek. If the roads are passable the meetings will continue throughout this week and next. Next Sunday he will preach at Elwin at 10.30 a. m. and at Blue Mound chapel at 7 p. m. Rev. W. H. Knight will have charge of the services at Long Creek during his absence.

Rev. W. E. Knight conducted the services at Long Creek last Sunday both morning and evening.

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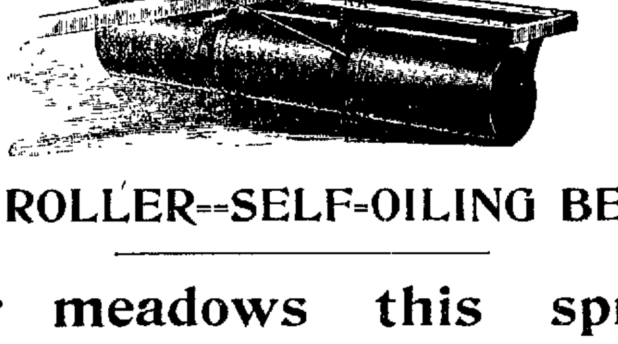

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Granted to Illinois inventors this week Reported by C. A. Snow & Co, patent attorneys, Washington, D. C.:

W. Beam, Cotton Hill, cultivator; A. W. Brode, Downer's Grove, permutation padlock; F. H. De Tray, Quincy, dividers; E. L. Egger, Centralia, pneumatic spring; F. Eves, Murphysborough, grain and seed separator: T. V. Fleming, Flemington, water indicator for steam boilers; G. S. Foster, Buda, nut lock; S. B. Jones, Brighton, churn; W. H. Makutchan, Princeton, buggy manning; G. A. Scheeffer, Peoria, direct current meter; H. L. Sells, Ivesdale, washing machine; C. W. Smith, Moline, apparatus for producing artificial fuel; F. Thomas, Aurora, lifting jack; G. W. Wood, Woodburn, pneumatic stacker. For copy of any of the above patents send 10 cents in postage stamps with date of this paper to C A. Snow, Washington, D. C.

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—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. William Newman of Riverside on February 24, twin boys.

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Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling, Druggists.

J. M Doerny, the new postmaster at Murdock, gets a salary of $200 per year.

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ROBBER CAPTURED

While Stealing Money from Maroa Elevator.

MONEY HAD BEEN MISSED

And a Trap was Laid for the Thief—Elmer Baker was the Guilty Man—Now Under Arrest.

From the Daily of Saturday.

There was a robbery of the Crocker & Company elevator office at Maroa last night and the thief was caught while in the act of stealing money from the safe. His name is Elmer Baker and he is a son of George Baker.

The managers of the elevator have been missing small amounts of money from the place for some time past. They finally determined to watch the place and learn if possible who was stealing the money. Several nights ago plans were made to watch the office, but while the men were at supper some money was stolen. Last night a small amount of money was left in the safe and the door was left unlocked. Early in the evening young Baker broke into the office and took the money. Elias Bowden, the superintendent of the elevator, caught the young man in the act and he was at once put under arrest.

Elmer Baker is about 21 years old and is the son of George Baker, who runs a threshing machine and a corn sheller. Elmer is a brother of the young Baker boy who was arrested at Maroa for riding on the trains and was brought to Decatur for a hearing. Baker will be given a preliminary hearing at Maroa before Police Magistrate Swan. It is probable that he will be held to await the action of the grand jury and he stands good chances of going to the penitentiary.

CORONER'S INQUEST

Held Over the Body of Curtis Kemp, Killed by Engine.

From the Daily of Saturday.

Yesterday afternoon Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure held the inquest over the body of Curtis Kemp, the boy who was killed Thursday night on the Wabash railroad. Officer Ed Koshenska testified that he helped pick the boy up and carry him into the switch shanty. Dr. Parish, the Wabash surgeon, testified that he was called and found the boy fatally injured. Engineer George Dempsey told what he knew of the accident. Raymond Vanbrunt, a switchman said that the boy had been in the habit of riding on the cars and that the accident was the boy's own fault. J. L. Kemp, the father of the boy, testified that his son had been warned about riding on the cars and that he was about to make an application for a situation of switchman. Edward Duffy and Thomas Cuttle also testified. All of the witnesses expressed themselves as being of the opinion that the accident was not due to any fault of the railroad men and that it was entirely the boy's own fault. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the boy met his death by being run over by engine No. 110. The jury was composed of the following: Dr H. D. Heil, foreman, Dr. James L. Bevans, Mark Moran, R. G. Williams, E. S. Baker and N. M. Jacobs.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 1 o'clock from the family residence on East North street. The burial was at the North Fork cemetery.

INSTITUTE OPENS

S. S. Workers Gather at First M. E. Church.

From the Daily of Saturday.

The annual Macon county Sunday school institute opened this morning at the First Methodist church. The session was called to order by Rev. Frost Craft at 10 a. m. There was a devotional service of half an hour, after which a paper was read on the subject "Methods in Bible Study," by G.W. Miller, state worker. He said first of all read the Bible daily, consecutively, thoughtfully. Study construction. writers, who, when, what and why. Study the purpose, the doctrines, the topics and the biographies.

The next paper was on "Principles of Bible Teachings," by Mr. Pierce, another of the state workers. He said that Bible teaching is feeding. For this we need a general store of provisions and a select store. Prepare for teaching by studying books on teaching, by acquaintance with other teachers, visit at least one convention, one institute and one other school each year, then practice teaching. There are several ways of teaching, first of which is the question method. Do not ignore dull pupils, do not ask questions in rotation, do not indicate in advance the one who is to answer, do not suggest the answer. Another method is teaching by illustration. An illustration ought to be like the lesson and familiar to the pupil. In teaching seek the pupil's plane of thought, discover the point of contact, arouse his interest, then instruct.

After the paper the morning session was adjourned. Mr. Pierce, Mr. Miller and Mrs. Lamoreaux are sent out by the state association to hold institutes in the different counties for the purpose of assisting the work. They have been holding meetings in different parts of the county.

primary work and Mrs. Lamoreaux was the leader. Miss Lillian Chadsey spoke on "Prayer for the Children." The subject of a paper by Mrs. Lamoreaux was "Problems, Principles and Primary Work." Mrs. Dr. C. P. Kennedy spoke on "Programs," Mrs. Sue Odor spoke on "Little Things Needful," and Mrs. M. S. Lamoreaux spoke on the subject, "Next Sunday's Lesson Taught to the Children."

EUGENE GAVE BAIL.

Bond in the Sum of $1100 Accepted and Prisoner at Liberty.

Eugene Linxweiler, charged with betrayal of a young woman, and indicted for attempting to produce an abortion, is again at liberty. The amount of the bond required was $1100. It has been furnished by Y. B. Clark of Clarksdale, Ill., grandfather of the young man, Miles Johnson and F. J. McDonald of this city. The trial will be had in the county court on the first charge and in the circuit court on the second charge.

WHEAT IN CHICAGO

Shipment of Leiter Holdings Caused Advance.

MAY CLOSES AT $1.06.

Sensational Arrest at Wilmington—Stole $100,000—Prominent Men Implicated in the Case.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—May option advanced eight cents during the week, while July gained six cents. The market was unusually active and nervous today though the news was in no way sensational, outside of a few war rumors abroad. The direct cause of May advancing 5½ cents and July 5⅝ cents, part of which later was lost, was the shipment of Leiter wheat, and the stampede of the shorts attempting to cover on curb. May closed at $1.06, with calls at $1.18.

Caught in Wilmington.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 19.—William N. Boggs, defaulting paying teller of the First National bank at Dover, Del., was arrested here today. Boggs is said to have made away with over $100,000. Four prominent men of Kent county were also arrested, charged with aiding Boggs in the stealings. Their names are E. T. Cooper, ex-Sheriff Amos Cole, Thomas C. Clark, Charles L. Butler.

IRKSOME DAILY TASKS.

Pleasant or Unpleasant from Spirit in Which They Are Performed.

In the programme of daily tasks there are some, very naturally, for which even the enthusiastic home-maker has no taste.

Perhaps she even shrinks from the performance of these tasks, and would like to shirk them altogether if her pride in her own housekeeping would permit her to do so; and yet she knows that they are just as important and essential as the more pleasant duties in making up the sum of her daily work. The unloved duties are the trying points of each day's work, and are often left to the tired end of the day, when they are doubly annoying. Taken one at a time, while we are fresh, and absolutely conquered, they no longer serve as the bitter drop to our labors. The tasks we call unpleasant often show us the weak points in our characters, they are the duties that call for special patience or caretaking, or a marked concentration of thought and skill for a certain time, and perhaps a perseverance we are unwilling to give before perfection is reached.

A group of young housekeepers, talking of their home-making, are almost certain to intersperse their conversation with the things they "hate to do." "Harry likes pie, but I almost never make them, for I can't bear to make the crust," says one. "How I do hate to clean the lamps," adds a second. "Is there anything more tiresome than dusting?" continues a third. Yet all these young women have won prizes in school, perhaps have stood high in scholarship in college, and not one-half the conquering force would be required to learn to make good pie-crust, not a third of the patience would be called for in dusting beautifully polished new furniture, or the immaculate shining of lamps that they have applied for years to tasks of a different nature. Every unloved task raised from its humble position to that of successful accomplishments, and the pleasure that always accompanies such results, adds just so much to the complete rounding of our characters. Achievement, after honest effort, is one method of drawing up the dropped stitches of life.—Constance Conrad, in Woman's Home Companion.

Caramel Sauce.

One half cupful of granulated sugar, one even tablespoonful of flour, one cupful of boiling water, a lump of butter the size of a hickory-nut, vanilla flavoring. Heat the sugar in an iron skillet until it melts and is a light brown, and stir continually. Add the flour, mix well, the boiling water next, and boil until it thickens. Just before serving add the butter and vanilla flavoring; then your caramel sauce is ready for use.—Woman's Home Companion.

Frozen Vegetables.

To thaw out potatoes, put them in hot water. To thaw frozen apples, put them in cold water. Neither will keep well after being frozen.—Chicago Tribune.

—Finger nails grow at the rate of rather more than 1¼ inches in a year.

Cerro Gordo is to have some parks, flower beds and other beautifying and convenient improvements about its Wa-

GOODWOMANGONE

Death of Miss Frances Willard in New York.

PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING

At the Age of 59—Funeral to be Held Sunday in the East—Burial at Evanston on Next Thursday.

New York, Feb. 18.—Frances E. Willard died at the Hotel Empire shortly after midnight this morning, from influenza, complicated by pernicious anaemia. Miss Willard has been ill for many weeks, but only her most intimate friends knew that her condition was serious up to the first of the present week.

Frances Elizabeth Willard was born at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, September 28, 1839, in a little home in the principal street of Churchville, Monroe county, N. Y., 14 miles west of Rochester.

Miss Willard left the teaching profession for work in temperance in 1874. One day in September in that year a few women assembled in one of the prayer rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, adjoining Farwell Hall, and elected Miss Willard president. There was no money in sight for the work, but the association donated the use of the room, and with no backing but a strong conviction and set purpose she opened the first headquarters of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She started out to raise money for the cause, and being unknown to fame spoke first in Princeton and came back with a collection of $7 as the proceeds. There was many a day during this beginning that she was forced to go without noonday luncheon and walked home to save car fare. Her brother, Oliver, who was then editor of the Chicago Mail, helped her to the extent of his ability, also contributing to the support of Mrs. Willard, who was holding to "Rest Cottage."

HABITS OF LIFE.

Her habits were the most regular. She arose at 7 in the morning and retired anywhere from 6:30 to 9, and never later than 10 save on nights of lectures. She worked eight hours each day, took recreation the rest of the time and never touched a pen to paper after tea. Her only exercise—since the time her hair was done up in a knot—has been walking, and she always walked with an athletic walk. The light in her house at Evanston was invariably out at 10 o'clock, and all the members of the household in bed at the same time.

Miss Willard kept the heart romance of her life a secret. She admits there was one—as shown by her own words in her memoirs:

"In 1861-62, for three-quarters of a year I wore a ring and acknowledged an allegiance based on the supposition that an intellectual comradeship was sure to deepen into a unity of heart. How grieved I was over the discovery of my mistake the journals of that epoch could reveal. Of the real romance of my life, unguessed except by a trio of close friends, these pages may not tell. When I have passed from sight I would be glad to have it known, for I believe it might contribute to a better understanding between good men and women. For the rest I have been blessed with friendships rich, rare and varied, all lying within the temperate zone of a great heart's geography, which has been called 'cold' simply because no Stanley has explored its tropic climate, and set down as 'wholly inland' because no adventurous Balboa had viewed its wide Pacific Sea."

GOOD FOR TANNER.

Governer of Illinois Sends a Special Message to Congress.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 17.—Governor Tanner has sent to the senate a special message calling attention to the Maine disaster and expressing the hope that the senate would take appropriate action, saying that he is loath to believe that it was anything except an accident, but owing to the uncertainty on this point the legislature before adjournment should "authorize the executive to tender the president of the United States on behalf of the state of Illinois, whatever moral or financial support may be necessary to maintain the honor of the American flag and to prevent and punish any attempt at hostile invasion of our country."

There are three little things which do more work than any other three little things created—they are the ant, the bee and DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the last being the famous little pills for stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The Mahomet fox chase was a fruitless one.

J. W. Germer has purchased the Elliott creamery building and will remodel it for a residence.

A thousand Broadlands citizens have petitioned the C. & E. I. railroad for an early morning train.

Save The Children.

When children are attacked with cough, cold and croup, Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will prove a quick and sure cure. Mr. Elmer E. Baker, Blandon, Pa., writes: "We have used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for cough, cold and croup, and found it the best cough medicine and cure for these affections. We never run out of it, but always keep it on hand." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is sold everywhere.

A Fearful Experience

A POSTMASTER LOSES THE USE OF HIS LEGS AND ARMS.

Edwin R. Tripp, of Middlefield Center, Meets with a Hazardous Encounter Which Renders Him Helpless.

From Otsego Republican, Cooperstown, N. Y.

Mr. Edwin R. Tripp, the postmaster at Middlefield Center, N. Y., recently had a dangerous experience which left him in a helpless state. His system was so much shattered that it was feared he might never recover.

In an interview with a reporter of the *Republican*, regarding this experience which had attracted considerable attention, Mr. Tripp stated:

"In March, 1893, I was taken with what I afterward learned was locomotor ataxia, and was unable to walk, and I kept getting worse until I lost the use of my arms. I doctored with two skillful doctors but received no benefit, and also used a galvanic battery but kept getting worse and the doctors told me they could do no more. This was in May and June, 1894. I gave up all hope of ever having the use of my limbs again, and did not expect to live very long. I was unable to dress or undress myself, and could not get around the house unless I was moved in a chair.

"I think it was in June that I read of the case of a man in Saratoga Co., N. Y., who was taken very much as myself. He had taken Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People which contained, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves, and had been cured by their use.

"I learned that the pills were prepared by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., and only cost 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 at any druggist's, and sent for two boxes. I used the pills faithfully and they gave me an appetite. I then sent for four more boxes, and before I had taken all of them my feet and legs which had been cold began to get warm.

"I was a member of the Town Board that summer and had to be carried and put into a wagon to go to the meetings, and in fact was helpless, as my neighbors know. In August I could walk around the house by pushing a chair. I kept getting better and managed to move around more, until at election time that year, I walked with a cane to the polls, a short distance from my home. I continued to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People until I had taken eighteen boxes. I could then get around, and to-day walk to the post office and back, a distance of one-quarter of a mile, three times a day, and attend to my duties as postmaster.

"In the spring of 1895 I was elected town clerk, which office I held for three years. I had previously been a justice of the peace for thirty-two years. I am now 70 years of age, and have lived in this town for about forty-six years. For nearly fifty years I worked at the blacksmith's trade. I am able to do work in my garden now, and saw some of my wood. I consider that my restoration to health is due to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

EDWIN R. TRIPP."

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of June, 1897.

HOMER HANNAH, *Notary Public.*

Chronic Diseases Cured.

Th day of so called "incurable diseases" is past. Owing to the great advances made in science and invention within the past few years. There is hardly a disease that cannot be successfully coped with by the great physician, properly equipped with the genius and knowledge to diagnose the case, and then the newly invented and improved surgical instruments and medicine for treatment.

DRS. APPLEMAN & PRETTYMAN,

The Famous Specialists, will be in

Decatur Monday, February 28.

At HOTEL ST. NICHOLAS.

Office Hours, 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

DRS. APPLEMAN & PRETTYMAN are the greatest specialists in an age of specialty. Added to a great natural inclination, amounting almost to genius, for the investigation of causes and cure of diseases they had the benefit of an education at the greatest medical colleges in America, and subsequent experience and practice in the hospitals of the largest cities of the East. Their startling original discoveries of medical agents and successful application of them to particular classes of diseases, have gained for them a reputation of wide recognition and lasting fame. They are the world's greatest healers, have long been recognized as such and have not even yet reached the zenith of their power.

DO YOU HAVE
Ringing in the Ears?
Hawking and Spitting?
Headache and Dizziness?
Difficulty in Breathing?
Dropping of Mucus?
IF SO YOU HAVE CATARRH.

Beware! Catarrh if allowed to run on leads to Chronic Dyspepsia, Consumption and Death. Drs. Appleman & Prettyman can cure you, if they undertake your case, soon and easily, by a positive painless method of their own discovery, which they have used with invariable success in thousands of cases.

Diseases of the Ear and Eye.

nearly all originate with Catarrh. If your case is curable they will tell you so and cure you.

A Word to Men.

To those who are suffering from one or more of the various forms of nervous debility, resulting in some of the following symptoms: Blotches, pimples, involuntary emissions, loss of memory, aversion to society, and inability to work, premature decline of power etc., etc., Drs. Appleman & Prettyman offer you a speedy and permanent cure in all cases undertaken. Varicocele, Syphilis, (Blood Poisoning), Spermatorrhoea, Stricture, Fistula Impotency, Pains in the back, etc., etc., cured quickly and without detention from business.

Weak Women.

Why remain so longer? Under skillful treatment Leucorrhoe, Suppressed, Painful or too Profuse Menstruation, Lacerations, Ulcerations, Ovarian Difficulties, etc., will speedily disappear. Sterility (Barrenness) is not a permanent condition. You can be cured and thus bring happiness to yourself and to others, fulfilling your natural function and making home what it should be.

All Cases Held in Strictest Confidence.

You will be Treated Promptly, Honestly and Honorably at Reasonable Charges.

CONSULTATION AND EXAMINATION FREE.

REMEMBER THE DAY AND DATE,

MONDAY, FEB. 28, St. Nicholas Hotel.

DO YOU NEED ANY?

See Prices.

1 case Summer Corsets . . 25c
1 " DRAB Summer 49c
1 " White " 50c
1 " Short " . . . $1.00

THERE'S a difference between CORSETS made exactly right and CORSETS made just to sell. Wear will soon betray this secret. ANTHONY sells all the popular makes and makes popular prices.

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In order to entirely clean out our present stock of Winter Wear, we will give you one-fifth off on every Overcoat, Suit, Reefer, Pant and Heavy Underwear for Man, Boy or Child, which we have. In Kersey and Melton Overcoats, we are selling many of them at the price which we must pay for new ones, owing to advances in the cost of both material and labor, and at a discount of 20 per cent. from our prices they are remarkably cheap. This is your time to lay in a supply. We court comparison on prices.

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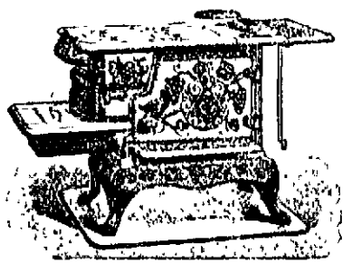
Cook Stoves and Steel Ranges.



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We have sold these goods in Decatur. No other line in the city has been sold for half this time.

No Steel Range

on the market can compare with the "Superior." The best is always the cheapest when buying a cook stove or range.

A Full Line on Our Floor.

Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.

240-252 E. MAIN STREET.

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The "UNO" LOCK RIB

is the only perfect umbrella frame. Newest and Nobbiest Designs in Handles; Best Coverings.

Seasonable and necessary just now.

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TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

The Woman's temple at Chicago is to be known in future as Willard Temple, in honor of the deceased president.

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens of Dover, Me., is the successor of Miss Willard as president of the National W. C. T. U.

De L[illegible] has been hung in effigy at Somerset, Ky; Metropolis citizens have held a [illegible] donation meeting calling for an [illegible] one Cuban war; St. Louis citizens will [illegible] to call for prompt action [illegible] a California regiment is ready [illegible] to the front against Spain, and [illegible] an Missouri Veterans are ready [illegible]

W. S. Forman of East St. Louis, candidate for governor on the gold standard Democratic ticket at the last election, has been appointed by Governor Tanner a member of the state board of arbitration.

Chicago gamblers yesterday paid over $3444 as fines.

A Short, Sad, Story.

A Cold.
Neglect.
Pneumonia.
Grief.

Had Foley's Honey and Tar been used, this story would have had a happier ending. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

An effort is being made to reorganize the Patman band at Monticello. It will accompany an excursion to Chattanooga.

Weekly Republican.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1898.

LOCAL NEWS.

Attorney T. M. Hobart and family will depart next week for Fairfield, Wayne county, Ill., where Mr. Hobart will practice his profession. He has traded his Decatur property for 180 acres of land near Fairfield.

The golden wedding of 'Squire and Mrs. E. A. Barnwell, formerly residents of Decatur, was celebrated Tuesday at their home in Cerro Gordo. They received two five dollar gold pieces and other presents.

A. F. Kenny, who is employed in the carpenter department of the Wabash car shops, had his hand severely crushed between two pieces of timber yesterday. It was thought at first that there would be no serious consequences from the injury, but later developments made the removal of the thumb necessary. Dr. Parish performed the operation this morning.

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

B. Holmes of Melvin sold ninetoen horses to a Buffalo, N. Y., dealer, who took the animals at Melvin last Friday.

What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

W. A. Flint of Hoopeston has traded local real estate and a part of a stock of goods to S. J. Pearson for 120 acres of land near Monon, Ind.

Hoopeston gave a grand banquet in furtherance of a project to get a modern union depot at the crossing of the C. & E. I. and L. E. & W. railroads.

Married at Boody.

Miss Colia Williams and Edwin Jokisch were married at the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Williams at Boody on Thursday evening at 6 o'clock. Rev. Bankson of Blue Mound performed the ceremony in the presence of 65 guests. The bride wore white and carried bride's roses. Immediately after the ceremony supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Jokisch have gone to New Orleans and will be at home to their friends after 10 days at Boody where Mr. Jokisch is employed as manager of the grain elevator.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss
LUCAS COUNTY,

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, 1886.

{SEAL} A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Poet and Didn't Know It.

This forenoon a Decatur citizen in discussing the Havana harbor horror remarked:

"The wreck of the Maine
Has lost Cuba to Spain."

The audience thought the situation was so aptly put in the couplet that it was written down for publication.

Held to Answer.

John A. Harrington, taken to Springfield from the Macon county jail on a charge of bigamy, had his hearing yesterday and was held to answer. Bail was fixed at $800. Harrington did not attempt to make any defense. He went back to jail.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone

B. H. Penn has sold his farm, a mile north of Wemac, to S. B. Dugger.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on H. W. Bell or N. L. Krone and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

Banker Latcer of Paxton will build an elegant residence in the spring.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. H. W. Bell N. L Krone.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sequeath, aged 77 years, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alice Iliff, near Washburn. The deceased came to Tazewell county in 1848.

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Adam Ort of Green Valley, has shelled and delivered his corn crop of 17,000 bushels to George Starz.

Edward Reardon and family have moved from Peoria to Pekin, buying a dwelling at the latter place.

GIVE THE CHILDREN A DRINK

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about ¼ as much as coffee. Price 15 and 25c.

THE COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

Work of Pupils and Teachers—Central Examinations the Past Week.

The regular monthly meeting of the teachers of the Macon county schools will be held next Saturday at the office of Superintendent Keller. Those who are to speak and their subjects are as follows: Music, Prof. Westhoff; drawing, Miss Cutler; class work, Miss Mary Brooks; climate and winds, Mrs. Lillie Nichols; zoology, A. A. Jones; grammar, W. J. Kelley.

During the past week Superintendent Keller has been holding central examinations at the following schools: Mt. Zion, Prairie, Bois'd Arc, Eldorado and Oakley. Next week the examinations will be held at White, Prairie Chapel, Bethel, Forsyth and Maroa schools. The examinations were taken by a large number of pupils. Those who pass the centrals will be eligible to the final examinations which will be held at the superintendent's office on March 17. The finals will decide whether or not the pupils will pass to the next grade.

The spring vacation will begin the second week in March and will last for about two weeks. The spring term begins the first of April. Some of the schools which were closed on account of sickness will not have any vacation, so that the time can be made up.

Superintendent Keller, while traveling over the county the past week, was peculiarly fortunate about missing accidents. He had expected to attend a social at Casner but was unable to do so and that night the floor of the house in which the social was held gave way, and the people were hurled into the cellar. The next night the train which brought Mr. Keller home from Cerro Gordo was a few minutes late and he just missed going home on the street car which collided with another on West Main street.

DECLARED INSANE.

Oscar Shuler Tried in County Court Today Before Judge Hammer.

From the Daily of Saturday.

Oscar Shuler was before Judge Hammer in the county court today to be tried for his sanity. His wife petitioned the court to have an investigation made. A jury found Shuler to be insane and he was committed to the insane asylum at Kankakee. The jurors before whom the case was tried were Dr. M. A Majors, W. W Foster, Thomas Richardson, W C. Pluck, Jr., Harvey Mahannah and John Miller. Shuler has been at his father's farm near Oreana for several weeks past and was brought to the city this morning.

NO BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

The circuit court convened this morning but there was no business to be transacted and a recess was taken until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Sales of Real Estate.

Francis Smith to Charles A. Hill, lot 2 in block 3 of Peddicord and Burrows' addition to Decatur; $500

Maud Felton to Annie Fleton, lot 7 in block 1 in Henry and Fayette A. Dickenson's subdivision; $30.

Francis Smith to Gottfried Hill, lot 1 in block 3 of Peddecord and Burrows' addition to Decatur; $800.

Joseph A. Newman to Lyde A Newman and others, quit claim deed to lot 6 in block 1 of J. R. Gorin's addition to Decatur; $1.

Catherine E Athom to Lyde A. Newman et al, quit claim deed to lot 6 in block 1 of J. R. Gorin's addition to Decatur; $5.

F. B. Tait to A. T. Risley, lot 14 in block 3 of Bellevue Place; $500.

Mary Blackford to Warner T. Bullard, lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in block 11 of the village of Warrensburg; $300.

G. V. Loring to Hans Tay, a lot in block 4 of Lake & Co's addition to Decatur; $3000.

A. T. Risley to Hans Tay, lot 11 in Woodland Place addition to Decatur; lot 6 in block 1 of Henry A. Wood's addition, and lot 3 in block 5 in East Park Boulevard; $7800.

Marillow Glasgow to William Cross, the west side of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of 18, 16, 1 east; $350.

Randolph J. Simpson to Hans Tay, quit claim deed to lot 11 in Woodland addition to Decatur, $100.

William Montgomery to David A. Hanes, lot 1, 2, 3 and 4 in block 6, in the town of Blue Mound, $3500.

Charles B. Hall to Warner T. Bullard, lots and 4 of block 11, in the village of Warrensburg; $150.

David A. Hanes to John L. Faulk, quit claim deed to lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of block 6 in village of Blue Mound; $2000.

DEATH RECORD.

From the Daily of Saturday

MRS. M'MULLIN.

Mrs Nancy McMullin died at her home in Lake City on Friday, aged 78 years. The deceased was the mother of W. A. McMullin of Lovington. The funeral was held this morning at 9 o'clock from the Methodist church at Lake City.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Showers died Friday afternoon at the family home on East Prairie street.

The funeral was held from the residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Another Bicycle Thief.

Another bicycle thief is in jail charged with stealing a wheel from George Stadler. His name is John Beckwith and he is a boy about 17 years old. The police have had a good deal of trouble lately with bicycle thieves. Three boys are now in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury. Beckwith will soon have a hearing and will probably also be bound over.

Freeman Gump and Miss Rose Snyder of Bement, were married Wednesday.

J. SCANLAN DEAD

Well-Known Railroad Man Succumbs at Kankakee

BODY WILL ARRIVE TO-NIGHT

Time of Funeral Has Not Yet Been Decided—Funeral of the Late Mrs. Hendricks Held This Afternoon.

From the Daily of Thursday.

A message was received in this city this morning stating that John Scanlan had died last night at Kankakee. The death of Mr. Scanlan was not unexpected to his friends as he has been in a dangerous condition for some time and yesterday Mrs. Scanlan was called from this city to the bedside of her husband. Death was due to softening of the brain.

John Scanlan was about 36 years old and was well known in this city. He was employed in the Wabash yards and was quite popular among the railroad men. He had his leg crushed in such a way that it was necessary to have it amputated and since then he has gradually failed. About a year ago he was sent to the asylum at Kankakee.

The body will be brought to Decatur this evening for burial. The time of the funeral has not yet been decided upon.

FUNERAL OF MRS HENDRICKS.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary J. Hendricks was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence at the corner of North Church and Green streets, and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Penhallegon and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

DURHAM-STARE WEDDING.

Happy Marriage Wednesday Night Near Oreana.

From the Daily of Thursday.

On last Wednesday evening, February 16, at the home of the bride's parents, near Oreana, occurred the marriage of Miss Ida M. Stare to Robert H. Durham of Oakley, Ill. There were in all about 70 guests present. The bridal couple were attended by Miss Anna Showmaker of Warrensburg and Edwin E. Huff of Oakley. The bridal party entered the east parlor at 6 o'clock as the wedding march was being played by Miss Lillian Drew of Decatur. The bride was beautifully attired in a cream costume with pearl trimmings, and carried bride's roses. The bridesmaid wore a Nile green trimmed with pink and cream satin and carried natural flowers.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Sibole, pastor of the U. B. church of Oakley.

After congratulations were extended all present repaired to the dining room, where an elegant wedding supper was served. The house was beautifully decorated with potted plants and smilax. Guests were present from Cerro Gordo, Decatur, Warrensburg, Sullivan, Sangamon, Oreana and Forsyth. The young couple were the recipients of a large number of beautiful presents.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stare and is a rarely accomplished and highly respected young lady with a wide circle of friends. The groom is a most highly respected and estimable young farmer of Oakley township. The young couple will reside on the groom's farm near Oakley.

BARTHOLOMEW TO QUIT.

He Will Retire from Business in Decatur in a Short Time.

The E. D. Bartholomew company will soon be known no more in the business affairs of the city. Mr. Bartholomew has decided to retire, and will quit as soon as he can dispose of his stock of china and other goods now displayed in the Ennis building on North Water street. All of the fine goods are offered at reductions that cannot fail to secure eager purchasers. The figures, as will be seen by reference to the display notice in another column, are so low that other merchants can well afford to make liberal purchases in bulk, while the people generally will certainly take advantage of the reductions.

Mr Bartholomew means business. He will retire as a merchant, after being in trade in Decatur either for himself or others, for a period of 30 years. He invites everybody to come to the store at once and take advantage of the sacrifice prices.

A COUSIN IN DECATUR.

"Buck" Cherry, Cigarmaker, Related to a Maine Victim.

Robert Hutchens, a landsman, is one of the men who was seriously injured in the Maine warship, now in the Marine hospital at Havana. He is a cousin of "Buck" Cherry, a cigarmaker in the employ of L. W. Fribourg.

Drunkard and Spendthrift.

From the Daily of Friday.

Darius Springer was in the county court today to answer a charge of being a drunkard and spendthrift. The petitioner was K. Harwood, the commander of Dunham Post, G. A. R. Springer is an old soldier and receives a pension of $17 per month. It was charged that he spent all his money for drink and did not provide for the family, so that they were forced to apply to the county for food and fuel. The members of the post also helped the family. Attorney Joe Housum appeared for the petitioner and Attorney Ed Wilson for Springer.

Witnesses testified that Springer was unable to get work on account of his bad habits and that he drank up his pension money and for the defense witnesses testified that he was not a drunkard and spendthrift. The jury returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty and Judge Hammer appointed John Armstrong as conservator for Springer. The jury was composed of the following: Dr. A. F. Wilhelmy, James Wykoff, J. M. Huff, Ed Morris, J. H. Layton and Milton Bivane.

A RUNAWAY BOY.

Twelve Year Old Child Wandering Around the Country All Alone.

From the Daily of Friday.

The police on the levee have all kinds of men as lodgers in the Short street station, but last night they had a boy who is a little younger than any of the wanderers that have yet passed the night in the station. He was but 12 years old and is tramping over the country all alone. Last night Officer Ed Leach as he was going off duty noticed the boy go into Brown's saloon and he reported the matter to the night police, who went to the saloon and took the boy in charge. The youngster was well dressed and was smoking a pipe. He gave his name as Melvin Tice and said his home was at Polo, Ill. He claimed that his father had driven him away from his home and that in company with another he started away from the town. The boy unped on a train but his companion got left and he came to Decatur alone. The child was put in the station house for the night. He did not seem to care in the least that he had been taken into charge by the police. He claimed to know some persons in Decatur and this morning he was released and an effort will be made to find his friends in this city, if he has any.

THE CRAWFORD FUNERAL.

Burial with Pythian Ceremonies at Maroa.

From the Daily of Friday.

The funeral of the late Edward Crawford was held at Forsyth yesterday at 1 o'clock. The services were in charge of the K. of P. lodge of Forsyth and the Royal lodge K. of P. of Maroa. Many Modern Woodmen attended. The burial was at Maroa and J. B. Dinges, district deputy grand chancellor, conducted the ritualistic services at the grave. Knights D. H. Cloyd, Fred Willis and J. M Dodd were also in attendance. The great respect which was universally felt for Mr. Crawford in the community in which he lived was evidenced by the large number of his friends and neighbors who were gathered both at Forsyth and Maroa to express their sympathy and assist in the sad rites of the burial. The opinion that insanity prompted Mr. Crawford to take his life and sympathy for his family was everywhere expressed. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Macon county and there was not one among the large gathering of people but that felt that they had lost a valuable friend and the community an upright and valued citizen.

Will of J. K. Love.

From the Daily of Thursday.

In the county court yesterday the will of the late J. K. Love was probated. Eliza J. Love, the widow, was appointed executrix. The estate consists of residence property on North Church street, farm property, notes and merchandise, all of which is valued as about $10,000. The will provides that the entire estate shall go to the widow and that she shall be executrix and not be required to give bond, and that she shall have entire control of the property and do with it as she pleases, the only recommendation being that the children be cared for and educated.

William A. Waddell presented a petition asking that he be named as administrator of the estate of Thomas W. Waddell. The petition was granted. The estate is valued at $1500.

Buried at Oakley.

Aunt Mary Frohman, aged 74 years, died at Springfield last Friday. She was the widow of the late Colonel Anderson Frohman, 116th Illinois regiment and Mexican war veteran. She was one of the early arrivals in Macon county, coming here with her father, James Rea, when she was a little girl. Her uncle, the late Samuel Rea, was formerly circuit clerk. Her brother, William Rea, died suddenly on the depot platform in Decatur some years ago. Thomas Rea, banker at Los Angeles, Cal., and Samuel Rea, also of California, are brothers of the deceased. The burial was at Oakley last Sunday. Rev. W. H. Prestley conducted the funeral services.

Sale of Horses.

A sale of horses was held Thursday at the farm of David Whitley, southwest of the city. Thirty-five head of horses were sold at auction. Many were colts and the whole lot averaged about $50 a head. The highest price brought by any one horse was $86. The prices were considered to be good. The horsemen say that the price of horses is constantly going up and that there is a considerable difference in the price at present and what it was a few months ago. Some of the horsemen think that by summer horses will command good prices. Cattle are also going up in price.

Springtime in Texas.

George W. Hizer, who is visiting with his daughter, at Waco, Texas, writes to friends in Decatur that they are in the midst of a most delightful spring. The weather is warm, the flowers are in bloom and all the spring vegetables, which come to the resident of Illinois at an abnormal price and flavor or at a wait of three months, are plentiful there. Mr. Hizer thinks that he will never enjoy life in Illinois again.

MRS. KRETZER WON

Recovered Possession of 1300 Bushels of Corn.

TAKEN ON AN EXECUTION

By J. E. Osborne to Satisfy Notes Given Edward Kretzer—Verdict Returned This Afternoon.

From the Daily of Thursday

Most of the day in the circuit court was taken up with the hearing of a replevin suit brought by Mrs Jamima Kretzer to recover from J. E. Osborne about 1800 bushels of corn taken to satisfy notes given by Edward Kretzer. The case went to the jury this afternoon and in a short time a verdict was returned that the defendant was guilty and that Mrs Kretzer was entitled to the corn

Ed Kretzer borrowed in the neighborhood of $60 from J. E. Osborne and gave his notes for the money. Kretzer confessed judgment on the notes in the county court and got an execution on about 1300 bushels of corn which Kretzer had on the place, believing that the corn belonged to Kretzer. The mother of Ed Kretzer, Mrs. Jamima Kretzer, claims that the corn belonged to her and was not owned by her son and brought suit to replevin the grain. Mr. Osborne claims that the corn is his, having lawfully secured it on the execution from Ed Kretzer, whom he claims did own it. Attorney Hutchinson represents Mr. Osborne and Attorneys Fitzgerald and Andrews represent Mrs. Kretzer. The jury hearing the case is composed of the following. Vernon Bailey, F. J. Walsor, Frank Blume, R. H. Coleman, George Allen, W. W. Foster, C. S. Batchelder, J. H. Calver, W. A. Andrews, J. P. Ekiss, W. H. Miller and Allen Chance

The entries on the docket today were as follows:

Charles C. Randolph vs. Hans Tay; assumpsit. Demurrer overruled and rule to plead by Saturday morning next.

Jamima Kretzer fivs. J. E. Osborne, et al; replevin. Trial by jury.

Married by Judge Hammer.

In the county court today Judge Hammer married William A Cole and Miss Belle Reinhart, both of Macon. The marriage took place at 1 o'clock and was witnessed by a few friends of the couple

Pension Board.

At the meeting of the Decatur pension board yesterday the following applications were made: For increase, John S. Danely of Niantic, Andrew J. McGath of Mechanicsburg, Joseph A. Taylor of Decatur, James W. Little of Blue Mound, Joseph Bland of La Place; for original pension, Francis M. Abram of Blue Mound.

BROKE HIS ARM.

Lieut. C. B. Moore Met with a Bad Accident at Port Royal.

From the Daily of Friday.

Lieut. C. B. Moore of the United States navy, who is stationed at Port Royal, N. C., met with a bad accident several days ago. He was hanging an awning on the front porch of his house when he fell off the porch and broke his right arm. The arm was the same one which Mr. Moore had injured once before. A number of years ago when at Colon, S. A., Mr. Moore was accidentally shot in the right arm. The bullet shattered the bone and although Mr. Moore has been able to do sea service his arm has always been stiff and he has not had free use of it since the accident. He was particularly unfortunate in having the same arm injured again. The physicians, however, think that possibly when the arm is healed it will not be a stiff as it was before and that the last accident may be a benefit. Mr. Moore will be laid up for some time as a result of the injury.

Met with an Accident.

W. B. Corman of this city, who travels for F. B Tait and Company, met with an accident at Clarksville, Iowa, where he went on business. He fell down a stairway and bruised his head and body and broke the bones in his left hand.

Baby's Arm Broken.

The two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Baker of 968 North Broadway, in playing Thursday afternoon tipped his high chair over and fell to the floor breaking his arm. Dr. H. C. Jones set the bone. The fracture is not a complicated one and not serious.

Marriage Licenses.

Frank Hamon, Whitmore township, 28
Agnes Shaffer, Whitmore township, 28.
William A. Cole, Macon, 38.
Belle Rinehart, Macon, 22.

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Observed in Philadelphia and Chicago--Great Crowds Out.

TALKS BY M'KINLEY AND HARRISON.

Two Thousand University Students Give the President the Greeting Yell--Washington's Wisdom Extolled--Reception to Gen. Harrison in Chicago.

Philadelphia Feb. 22 —Two thousand students from the University of Philadelphia marched past the residence of Provost Harrison this morning and gave the university yell and President McKinley appeared on the veranda and bowed The collegians then marched to the Academy of Music where the annual Washington s birthday ceremonies of the university were held The edifice was packed The exercises began at noon President McKinley was introduced by Provost Harrison in a neat address

THE PRESIDENT S ADDRESS

President was received with the varsity cheer ending with his name He proceeded to deliver the oration of the day He said in substance

The president began by referring to the proud title of the University of Pennsylvania, to the veneration of Washington's memory in the fact that it was founded in colonial days, 50 years before Pennsylvania became a state and the further fact that the Washington alumnus of that institution having conferred on the first president the degree of doctor of laws in 1783 The president then sketched the points in Wasington's career as a peerless soldier and marvelous genius as a constructive statesman, dwelt on the earnestness with which Washington advocated general education as a national safeguard, leaving in his will a bequest to be devoted to free public instruction, adverted to his reliance on God as evidenced in his writings and life and to his abhorrence of slavery, though a slaveholder Then he took up these points from Washington s farewell address Cherishing public credit, the observance of good faith, justice toward all nations, which may be supposed to have particular application to existing political problems On the former the president said Cherish public credit ' How much both of reflection and instruction is combined in this simple admonition of the father of his country The United States emerged from a bitter prolonged struggle the revolutionary war It was exhausted financially with hundreds of existing perplexities and difficulties which remained to be solved before the ... for the credit of the new n ... be established at home and demonstrated abroad But Washington knew how to gather about him and place in position of great trust able financiers and economists whose names the country still ... and whose ... of work it still ... —Hamilton, Morris Gallatin and others were successful in establishing the treasury and inaugurating the financial operations of this government upon principles which are recognized as the most enduring basis of national credit and national honor That whatever other assets we might have or acquire that we would possess indisputable, first last and all the time, if we would cherish public credit

We have been fully rewarded all along our history by adhering to the principles of Washington in keeping the public faith Before half the century passed we had paid off the national debt, had a balance in the treasury Another debt the greatest in our history was incurred in the civil war for the preservation of the Union but this did not exceed the resources or discourage the intentions of the American people There were those who suggested repudiation but the people repudiated them and went on unchecked discharging the obligations of the government in the coin of honor From the day our flag was unfurled to the present hour no stain of just obligation violated has yet tarnished the American name This must and will be as true in the future as it has been in the past There may be prophets of evil and false teachers some part of the column may waver and wander away from the standard but there will ever rally around it a mighty majority to preserve it stainless and in honor

On the other point in Washington s farewell address the president said At no point in his administration does Washington appear in grander proportions that when he enunciated his ideas in regard to the foreign policy of the government 'Observe good faith and justice towards all nations, cultivate peace and harmony with all ' Religion and morality enjoin this conduct Today nearly a century from Washington s death we turn reverentially to study the leading principles of that comprehensive chart for the guidance of the people It was his unflinching immovable devotion to these precepts of duty which more than anything else, made him what he was and contributed so directly to making us what we are Following the precepts of Washington we cannot err The wise lessons in government he left us it will be profitable to heed He seems to have grasped all possible conditions and pointed the way safely to meet them He established danger signals all along the pathway of the nation's march He has warned us against false lights He has taught us the true philosophy of perfect union , shown us graphic dangers from sectionalism and wild, unreasonable party spirit; he has emphasized the necessity at all times for the exercise of sober, dispassionate judgment Such judgment, my fellow citizens, is the best safeguard in tranquil events and rises superior and triumphant above the storms of woe and peril "

President at Chacago.

Chicago Feb 22 —Ex President Benjamin Harrison spoke today at the central meeting of the annual celebration of the Union League club in honor of Washington, in the auditorium All historical and civic societies of the city were represented The ex president took for his subject ' The Obligations of Wealth ' It was earnest and patriotic and aroused much enthusiasm

WARSHIPS MOVING

Waiting for the Finding of the Court of Inquiry.

Spanish Cruiser Going Straight to Cuba—Stories of No Explosion on the "Maine"—Washington Comments

Washington Feb 23 —No news was received by the government from Havana today Consul General Lee sent the water soaked medical journal of the Maine It will be kept for future reference The state department authorized the statement that it had not been advised by General Lee either officially or semi officially, that he had advised Americans in Havana to get away It is thought the report to that effect may have arisen from some remark made by him in ordinary conversation to the effect that persons who have no particular business there might find other places more desirable

The Spanish legation asserts that everything is absolutely quiet at Havana and that there is no cause for alarm

The battleship Texas and gunboat Nashville leave Galveston today in accordance with orders issued before the accident to the Maine and their return to Dry Tortugas to join the North Atlantic squadron is entirely without significance

On to Cuba.

New Orleans La, Feb 23 —The United States cruiser Marblehead sailed for Key West this morning and will join the North Atlantic squadron at Dry Tortugas

Galveston, Tex Feb 23 —The battleship Texas and the gunboat Nashville sailed this afternoon, the former to join the fleet at Dry Tortugas, the latter to Key West for orders It is reported that the Nashville will be sent to Havana to replace the Maine

Off for Cuba

New York Feb 23 —The coaling of the cruiser Viscaya was resumed early today If it is finished in time the warship may sail for Havana this evening

CRITICAL AT HAVANA.

Summing Up the Situation—Anxiety of Spanish Officials.

Washington Feb 23 —The Evening Star s Havana special says ' The inquiry into the Maine disaster progresses along definite lines The results so far may be summed up in the statement that the probabilities that it was an accident, seem to decrease with the progress of the investigation The most intense anxiety is shown by the Spanish officials who are in constant communication with Madrid They realize that Spanish relations with the United States were never so much in danger of being ruptured as now This is the general feeling The commercial classes are hopeful of American intervention on peaceful lines, but what they base their hopes on is unknown The insurgents continue to win minor military successes The autonomists are restless Some of the leaders seem to be on the point of breaking away from the government and the army officers continue to show anti American sentiment

Campbell & Allen, the former from California and the latter from Forest, have started a new wholesale fruit house at Pontiac.

WARNED BY GEN. LEE.

Americans in Havana Advised to Send Their Families Away.

Havana, Feb 23 —Americans in Havana have been quietly notified by Consul General Lee that it might be well for them to send their families to a place of safety. These precautions were taken in view of the fact that there is strong suspicion that the volunteers, anti-American and anti autonomy, have been inspired to create trouble in case the Maine inquiry proves that the catastrophe was due to design

CONGRESS.

Senator Morgan Goes After Senator Allen—Wants Open Declaration.

Washington Feb 23 —In the senate Senator Allen of Nebraska introduced a resolution for the senate to investigate affairs in Cuba

Later Senator Allen offered the Morgan belligerency resolution as amended to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill Senator Hale gave notice of a point of order against the amendment

Senator Morgan in opposing the Allen amendment, said we had no right to make a declaration of this sort in this way If Senator Allen wanted to vote for a declaration of war, let him bring it in and state the grounds and he (Morgan) would vote for such a resolution He would not vote for a declaration of war against Spain in disguise He wanted the challenge made in an honorable way

Senators Long and Teller spoke against the resolution

In the house the amendment by Kitchen of North Carolina to strike out the appropriation for the detection of violations of the internal revenue law carried, 69 to 65

MATRIMONIAL.

Two Weddings of Note in Decatur Last Night.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

At the home of the parents of the bride, Mr and Mrs Rufus Bean, on North Broadway, their daughter Miss Ida, was united in marriage to Rev. Mortimer R Holt of Chicago It was a pretty home wedding, only the relatives and immediate friends being present The marriage ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by Rev S H Bowyer of the First Baptist church The ceremony was performed in a handsomely trimmed archway There were no attendants After the ceremony the guests all sat down to a delicious wedding supper The young couple received a number of handsome wedding presents

The bride is a daughter of Mr and Mrs Rufus N Bean and has a large circle of friends in the city Rev Holt has been a divinity student in the Chicago university and has just recently graduated The young couple will go to Topeka, Kan today, where they will visit for a few days Rev Holt will shortly take a charge in southern Kansas

HUNT MILLER

Harry B Hunt and Miss Minnie Miller were married last night at the parsonage of Grace Methodist church The ceremony was performed by Dr W F Gillmore The couple was accompanied by Louis Miller and Miss Minnie Stearns After the ceremony the party was driven to the home of the mother of the bride, Mrs Samuel Miller, in the 1300 block on North Jasper street and there a suitable supper was served. A few friends and relatives were present Mr and Mrs Hunt will make their home with Mrs Miller for the present

JAMES WILLEY.

Mrs Jane Willey and Thomas James of Chicago were married at the residence of Mr and Mrs James Wilson in Chicago yesterday Mrs Willey is well known here having at one time resided in the city of Decatur

DECATUR GOLD-SEEKERS

Are Fully Started on Their Journey to the Land of Gold.

From the Daily of Wednesday

Attorney W H Black, who in company with his brother left here two weeks ago for Klondike, writes to Attorney J M C okey that they have changed their plans regarding the route which they intend to follow to the land of gold While on their way from St Paul to Seattle they met a party of 16 who were on their way to Alaska under the guidance of Pearson, who has had eight years experience in Alaska and is thoroughly familiar with the country Mr Black and his brother, together with a surveyor and a young physician joined the party at St Paul They arrived at Seattle on the evening of the 13th and on the following day sailed on the steamer City of Kingston for Victoria, B C , where they are stopping at the present time at the Hotel Victoria They will leave Victoria on March 1, going up the coast to Wrangle, Alaska where they will take horses for the remainder of the trip Mr Black and his brother will not go to Dyea or Dawson City as they intended and are not yet certain where they will locate

In a letter received by Mrs Conklin from her husband he tells of their camp just outside of the city limits of Seattle and says they are looking for their cattle and other provisions, but have not yet made any purchases The cooks are at present engaged in solving the mysteries of bread making

Obituary.

Catharine (Best) Gucher was born in the state of New Jersey, October 10, 1817, At the age of about 25 she was united in marriage to John Phillips Gucher. His death occurred February 13, 1879. She made her home with her son, J H Gucher near Upland, Neb., where she died February 16, 1898, at the advanced age of 80 years, four months and six days

Her remains were brought back to Salem church near the old family homestead, a few miles west of Decatur, where the funeral exercises were held at noon on Sabbath Rev. A. M Danely preached the funeral sermon from Heb 4 9, 'There remaineth therefore a rest for the people of God " Being an old and well respected citizen of that community the house was well filled with former neighbors and friends to pay their respects to her memory She was converted and united with the Bethlehem C P church December 16, 1878 Of her seven children two died in infancy Emma A Fulk died at Garden City, Kan , January 18, 1898 Those surviving are Mary C Whitesel, J H Gucher, Carrie C Beisel and Margaret E Woods of Elwin

THE TOURNAMENT

To be Held in Decatur by Illinois Firemen.

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Held a Meeting in This City Today to Make Arrangements—Decided on Date and Make Out a Prize List.

From the Daily of Wednesday

The members of the state executive board of the Illinois Firemen's association held a meeting at the St Nicholas hotel today to make arrangements for the firemen's tournament which is to be held in Decatur next summer Members of the local volunteer firemen met with the committee

The following are the names of the members of the committee who were in attendance President O D Wilcox of Monmouth Secretary E W Barkman of Decatur, Treasurer C F Buck of Monmouth Statistician B F Staymates of Clinton and Vice Presidents D Hentz of Edwardsville, D C Smith of Savannah, B Schreiber of Blue Island T B Bracken of Polo A J Graff of Dixon M J Myers of Mt Pulaski, George W Kraft of Decatur and J E Moffett of Clinton

The members of the local executive committee, who met with the state committee this afternoon were James Hughes W W Foster, G W Kraft, Chief C W Devore and Peter Halmbacher It was decided to hold the tournament on July 19, 20 and 21 The exercises will be at the trotting park It was also decided to offer $1600 in cash prizes It is expected that the tournament will be the largest that has ever been held in the state The rules and regulations of the contests are being discussed by the committee this afternoon

JUNE 14TH THE DATE

Republican State Convention to be Held at Springfield.

Springfield, Ill , Feb 23 —The Republican state central committee has fixed the date for the state convention to meet June 14 The basis of representation will be one delegate for each 400 votes for President McKinley, or a total of 1500 delegates the largest in the history of the state

Paid $2432 50.

John Lytle, secretary today paid to Mrs William Bowers $2432 50 This receipt explains itself

Decatur, Ill Feb 23 1898 —Received from the hand of the secretary of Central Lodge, No 8 I O M A warrant for $2432 50, being amount of benefit certificate for $2000 with accrued assessments which my deceased husband had paid in the order up to the time of his death

I can recommend the I O M A to anyone wishing to carry safe life insurance as being prompt in paying their obligations

Wishing the order and members a continued prosperity,

Respectfully your,

Emily S Bowers

The Peake Sisters.

The best and most successful entertainment that has been given in Mt Zion in many years was The Peake Sisters' — as presented by the young ladies of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at the church last night Those taking part were the Misses Stella Riber Bird McGaughey Stella Durning Maud Scott, Lillie Coombs Ruth Check, Virginie Scott Shirley Hughes, Cora Scott, Sadie Myers Ethel Cheek The house was filled and the entertainment was a most gratifying success in every way The proceeds of the affair were to be applied to improvement that has been made at the parsonage

Right Arm Almost Cut Off.

Kenney Feb 23 —Monday as Mr John Shephard was sawing wood with a team saw, two miles from town, his right arm was cut just half through at the wrist The arm will be saved Mr Shephard is a married man, 23 years old He was taken to the home of his father, Mr James Shephard where he will have to remain for some weeks

Zola Found Guilty.

Paris, Feb 23 —Laborie, counsel for Zola resumed his argument for the defense He will be followed by Clemenceau, counsel for Perreaux The case will then be submitted to the jury

Zola was found guilty on all counts

Zola was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and fined three thousand francs.

MISS WILLARD

Funeral of Late W. C. T. U. Leader at Evanston.

REMAINS TO LIE IN STATE

At Willard Hall at the Temple—Names of the "Guard of Honor"—Bishop Vincent to Conduct Services.

Chicago, Feb 23 —The remains of the late Miss Frances E. Willard will arrive Wednesday morning and the body will lie in state from 10 a m to 4 p m at Willard Hall

The special Wagner car placed at the disposal of the national officers will be switched over to the Northwestern depot, and at 4 o'clock the funeral party will start for Evanston The train will be awaited in Evanston by members of the W C T U citizens and Northwestern University students, who will be an escort to Rest Cottage ' Home Sweet Home ' will be sung when the threshold is crossed, and the remains will be turned over to relatives for the night

The funeral will be held at the First Methodist church at 11 a m on Thursday, the Rev Frank M Bristol officiating The remains will be placed in the receiving vault at Rosehill cemetery and will be kept there until a suitable site for the interment is chosen The program for the W C T U part of the funeral exercises has been arranged by the national officers, and Mrs Helen M Barker national treasurer, will announce all the plans

Members of the W C T U from all parts of the United States and Canada will be in attendance Among the foreign representatives will be Oafla Johannsdottir, daughter of the premier of Iceland, who will come from Canada Miss Katherine Willard Baldwin and Mrs Helen M Barker are expected Those who will accompany the remains are Mrs Clara Hoffman of Missouri, recording secretary N W C T U Mrs L M N Stevens, president N W C T U Mrs Katherine L Stevenson, corresponding secretary N W C T U Mrs Frances Barnes superintendent World s Y department Miss Annie Gordon, Mrs Louise S Rounds president Illinois W C T U , and Miss Mamie Powderly

PALLBEARERS AND GUARD

The following lists have been announced by Mrs Minnie B Horning, who had charge of the national officers

Pallbearers—H M Lemon David B Carse W J Onaan Joseph L Whitlock Joseph Norton and John Sobieski

Honorary Pallbearers—National officers Mrs C H Case crusader, Mrs Moses Smith crusader, Mrs Caroline F Grow W T P A , Mrs Susanna Fry editor Union Signal, Miss Jane Addams Mrs A Remmick president Chicago Woman s club Mrs M B Carse president temple trustees all state presidents or their representatives and national superintendents Mrs J B Hobbs Temperance hospital

Guard of Honor—Helen L Hood Mrs J B Hilton, Mrs M E Metzgar, Mrs L Waddell Mrs H L Clarke, Mrs T C Reiley Mrs M Ingleheart, Mrs Robert Greenlee Mrs C A Leech, Miss C A Leeb Miss Ruby Gilbert Mrs M Howell, Mrs C E Bigelow, Mrs Oscar Crandall, Mrs H M Lemon Mrs Joseph Emerson Miss Sara Johnson Miss Eva Shonz, Mrs Clara C Chapin, Mrs Minnie B Horning, Mrs L R Hall Mrs L A Hagan Mrs G W Bain

Goes to the Temple.

Chicago, Feb 22 —By the terms of the will of the late Miss Frances E Willard late president of the W C T U her estate will pass into the temple fund after the life interests of the secretary Miss Anna Gordon and of her sister in law Mrs Mary B Willard, have expired

The property consists of Rest Cottage' at Evanston, valued at $16 000 a small cottage in the Adirondacks and $8000 in cash which was presented to Miss Willard on her 50th birthday

By the original will the estate was to pass to the W C T U , but a codicil dated after the Buffalo convention diverts it to the temple fund The temple trustees will probably waive their rights and leave the estate entirely to the direct beneficiaries

I had been treated by many specialists without relief and had given up in despair and was waiting to die Seeing that Dr R B Miller, of Chicago, has visited Mattoon for eight years, I decided to go and see him After talking with him I found he understood my case so perfectly that I took his treatment and today I am cured of a miserable disease I wish I could tell all the afflicted about my cure and have them see Dr Miller He is certainly the best specialist in the country He is the only one I ever knew to visit one town eight years and this proves he does as he says for his patients Wait and see him first of all M Zengibe, Charleston

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Hayden Veech, Oakley, 27
Ella Mae Myers, Decatur 22

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WON SECOND MONEY.

Chan Powers Was in the Great Trap-Shooting Match.

Hot Springs, Ark Feb 21 —The most successful trap shooting tournament ever held in the southwest closed here Saturday The event was the Arkansas Traveler's Live Bird Handicap Each contestant shot at 25 birds and paid $25 entrance fee, with $100 added The purse was divided into 14 moneys which were distributed to the 14 high guns Five men killed 24 birds, and took the first five moneys, five killed 23 birds and took the next five moneys The remaining four moneys were divided between those who killed twenty two birds The following were the winners.

First—Fuford, Fanning, Parmalee, Trimble, McMurchy 24, second, Gilbert, Garand Loomis, Glover, Powers, 23, third Wilson Fatrote, Martin Jackson Elliott, Parker, Perry, Peoples, Lane Heikes 22 Before leaving the city Budd and Heikes arranged to shoot a match at Dayton, Ohio February 22 for the east iron medal now held by Heikes

ARTHUR ROBINSON HURT.

Report That He was Fatally Injured at Tampico, Mexico

A telegram from Tampico, Mexico states that the great new wharf erected at that place at a cost of $9 000 000 was destroyed by fire last Sunday night The same message states that A S Robinson formerly of Decatur, "engineer in charge of the construction, while fighting the flames was injured by the falling timbers and will probably die " Mrs Robinson who resides north of the city, telegraphed today to Tampico, to learn the condition of her husband, and is hourly expecting to receive the answer She did not hear anything of the accident or fire until she read the telegram as published in the papers Mr Robinson is a son in law of the late J R Mosser, formerly editor of the Republican He has been in Mexico for over two years engaged in the construction of railroads and other improvements in connection with the Santa Fe company

LATER

Mrs Robinson received the following telegram at 3 o clock this afternoon

Tampico, Mex , Feb 23, 1898 —Mrs A S Robinson, Decatur, Ill , U S A —Am all right Will write later Don't come A S Robinson

The Surprise of All

Mr James Jones of the drug firm of Jones & Son Cowden, Ill , in speaking of Dr King s New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption Having Dr King s New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home and to the surprise of all she began to get better from the first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well Dr King s New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work Try it Free trial bottles at J E King's and C F Shilling s Drug Stores

ILLINOIS POSTMASTERS

J. D. McVay Will be the Boss at Lake City.

Washington, Feb 21 —President McKinley has nominated the following postmasters Illinois—H C Clark Mount Morris Iowa—J A Cunningham Washington, W B Arbuckle Villisca T Bower Frazor, J D McVay, Lake City, J S Williard Marion

Presbytery Meeting

Decatur Presbytery of the C P church will meet at Mt Zion on Tuesday March 1 and be in session until Firday Rev Wilson will preach Monday night proceeding the opening of the presbytery and there will be preaching services each night following It is expected that A L Turner, president of Lincoln University will deliver an address on Thursday night Everybody cordially invited to be present at all times

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